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EL NINO TO HIT 12 STATES SEVERELY, GOVT CALLS FOR CONTINGENCY PLAN

The impact of El Nino weather phenomenon, linked with a weaker monsoon in India, is likely to be "severe" in 12 states, including UP and TN

WEAK MONSOON ACROSS MAJORITY OF STATES

El Nino is a climate phenomenon linked to weaker monsoons. As per IMD, El Nino conditions are present over the equatorial Pacific Ocean and expected to strengthen during the southwest monsoon season. Other states likely to be impacted are Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Odisha, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Bihar, MP, Jharkhand and Maharashtra

RELIABLE INPUTS CRITICAL FOR FARMERS

- Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan directed states to identify vulnerable districts and prepare crop-wise contingency plans so that farmers can be provided with options, advice and assistance
- Chouhan said the government's priority is to ensure farmers receive "reliable, and solution-oriented messages based on scientific inputs"

20%

CUT IN MUMBAI WATER SUPPLY FOR COMMERCIAL USAGE DUE TO LOW STORAGE

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Aatmanirbhar Bharat on the Rise

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₹38,400 Crore Record Defence Exports enhancing India's pride

5,500+ Defence Items Delisted from Imports, Boosting indigenous defence industry

Vishwas ke, Vikas ke, Jan-Kalyan ke



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G7 SUMMIT

Israel's war on Lebanon has gone too far, says Trump

AGENCIES @ Evian-les-Bains (France)

A day after the US and Iran announced an agreement to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, US President Donald Trump on Tuesday panned Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for his aggressive military campaign in Lebanon causing civilian casualties, urging him to be "more responsible" in the way he fights Hezbollah.

"You don't have to knock down an apartment house every time you're looking for somebody. There are lots of people in those apartments... and they're not all Hezbollah," he said.

Speaking to reporters in France at the G7 Summit, Trump said Israel's war with Hezbollah has gone too far and "too many people are being killed."

According to Iran, the peace deal includes Israel's exit from Lebanon. Israel's continued attacks on Lebanon could jeopardise the pact, which is scheduled to be signed in Switzerland on Friday.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi on Tuesday said Israel's continued occupation of southern Lebanon would violate the deal.

Netanyahu, who is under tremendous pressure ahead of elections in October, has rejected the peace deal saying Israel is not part of it.

Cautioning Netanyahu against defying his directions, Trump said: "Without me, there would be no Israel... no other president was willing to do what I did. Israel would have been blown up a long time ago, had I not gotten involved."

Terming Hezbollah threat 'minor', Trump described the Iran-backed militant outfit in Lebanon as "the little pinprick out there that constantly rears its head".

Israel invaded southern Lebanon after Hezbollah fired missiles during the first week of the war. Since then, it has been striking targets deep inside Beirut. **P12**

PM plain speak on trust deficit, lack of respect for global law

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday told G7 leaders that global partnerships can succeed only when they are founded on trust, stressing that the world today suffers not from a shortage of resources but from a shortage of trust. Calling for renewed international solidarity in an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world, Modi said mutual trust is the most important strategic asset and warned that disregard for international law remains the biggest obstacle to building global cooperation. He highlighted that dialogue and diplomacy must be prioritised to ensure peace, stability and stronger international partnerships.

The remarks came shortly after Modi was seen exchanging a handshake and a brief conversation with US President Donald Trump on the sidelines of the summit. The interaction, ahead of a scheduled bilateral meeting between the two leaders on Wednesday, drew attention amid ongoing discussions on trade, technology, security and geopolitical challenges. Addressing the Outreach Session on "Forging New Partnerships and Rebuilding International Solidarity," Modi, seated next to Trump, said that while global interdependence has increased, confidence among nations has eroded. "In a world that is getting more interconnected and interdependent than ever before, this subject becomes all the more vital. But partnerships can succeed only when they are founded on trust," Modi said.

A major focus of Modi's address was the need to redefine engagement with developing countries and the Global South. He said nations in Africa, Asia and Latin America were looking for equal partnerships rather than traditional aid arrangements. "The Global South has immense expectations from the world. More than support, it seeks partnership. We must move beyond the donor-recipient mindset and work as equal partners. We must walk together and not merely alongside one another. Partnerships must be linked to dignity, not dependency," he said.



HOWDY TRUMP

Prime Minister Narendra Modi shakes hands with US President Donald Trump before the plenary session at the G7 summit in France on Tuesday | AP



Protect seafarers

Modi said it's important that sea lanes are kept safe and seafarers are able to perform their duties without any fear. "It is our responsibility to protect the seafarers," he said while welcoming progress in the peace talks

Indian lives lost

"Due to this conflict, our friendly countries in West Asia have suffered loss of life and property. The world economy was damaged... Many Indian civilians had to lose their lives," the prime minister said

Only 20% of kharif sowing area covered in state

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

DELAYED monsoon has slowed kharif sowing in Karnataka which could impact production. Agriculture Department officials said sowing has covered only around 20% of the targeted area. With the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasting below-normal rainfall and sowing activities already affected, production is likely to face setbacks this season. Experts said a prolonged delay could force

farmers to shift from longer-duration crops to shorter-duration varieties, that again could affect the yield.

As per data from the Agriculture Department, available with The New Indian Express, sowing has been completed on 5.86 lakh hectares of irrigated land against a target of 24.43 lakh hectares. In rainfed areas, it has been carried out on only 11.23 lakh hectares out of the targeted 59.68 lakh hectares. Overall, it is 17.09 lakh hectares out of the total kharif

target of 84.10 lakh hectares, which is around 20%.

During the same period last year, sowing had crossed 40% and by July it had hit 61% of the targeted area. "We may not reach that level this year due to rainfall deficit in north-interior Karnataka, Malnad and coastal Karnataka," a department official said. Some districts are at a lower level than the state average - Ballari (6%), Chitradurga (5%), Kalaburagi (9%), Shivamogga (7%), Vijayapura (4%) and many more.

Prof MB Rajegowda, agrometeorologist and former registrar, University of Agriculture Sciences, told *TNIE* that sowing has been less this year and hoped it would pickup. "We have told farmers to take up short or medium-duration crops and not long duration. It will lead to lesser production for sure, but if farmers opt for long-duration crops, they will face distress," he warned. "The rainfall pattern follows an eight-year cycle," Rajegowda said. **P7**

Telegram app banned till NEET-UG re-exam to curb cheating, rumours

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE government on Tuesday temporarily restricted access to the Telegram messaging app ahead of the NEET-UG 2026 re-examination on June 21, with the National Testing Agency (NTA) saying the measure was aimed at tackling cheating rackets and misinformation.

Interestingly, the government has directed Apple and Google to remove the messaging app from their app stores rather than merely disable it. This means users will not be able to download Telegram from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store until further orders.



Indians top users of app

Founded by Pavel and Nikolai Durov in 2013 and headquartered in Dubai, Telegram is used by roughly 40 million Indians, accounting for about 10.4% of the platform's global user base

NTA Director General Abhishek Singh said the restriction on Telegram till June 22 was part of efforts to ensure

that the June 21 re-test is conducted without malpractice. "We will not let anything go wrong," Singh told PTI.

According to NTA, some channel administrators allegedly misused the message-editing feature and inserted actual question papers while retaining the original timestamp, thereby creating misleading "evidence" of pre-exam paper leaks.

In a post on X, Telegram founder Pavel Durov said Telegram removed hundreds of channels sharing leaked exam material in India. "We are also making the edit label more visible to prevent backdating scams. Banning it even temporarily is a mistake," he said.

Govt bans sale of cough syrups without prescription

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has amended rules to prohibit sale of cough syrups without a doctor's prescription. The decision comes months after contaminated cough syrups caused deaths in India and abroad.

"The measure is expected to promote responsible distribution and sale of cough syrups while ensuring greater compliance with regulatory standards," officials said.

Welcoming the government's decision, Dr Kuldeep Kumar Grover, associate direc-



Cough syrups will no longer be sold over the counter | PRAVIKUMAR

tor, pulmonology and critical care at CK Birla Hospital, Gurugram, said: "A cough can be a symptom of other serious

conditions, such as infections, asthma, and allergies. Prescription-based access encourages proper evaluation, accu-

IS IT ROCKET SCIENCE?

MINISTER PULLS UP GBA STAFF OVER POTHOLE

Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda remarks that while the old potholes were filled, new ones were emerging like mushrooms after each rain | **P2**



Fit to be tied: Big upsets draw attention

This World Cup has thrown quite a few early surprises with lower ranked teams showing more resistance and spunk than their more illustrious counterparts. Though 5 days and 16 matches of football until June 16 morning, underdogs are the flavour of the week. Here are a look at some talking points...

RONALDO IN ACTION TODAY

Cristiano Ronaldo will be in action, his sixth World Cup, late on Wednesday when the team takes on Democratic Republic of Congo. They are in Group K along with Colombia and Uzbekistan. England, considered one of the favourites at this edition's FIFA World Cup, will open their campaign against Croatia on Wednesday

0-0

The biggest win (figuratively) of all saw Cape Verde managing to thwart Spanish attack and secure 0-0 draw. Spain are ranked 2 and are considered as one of the favourites while Cape Verde are ranked No 67

1-1

- No 61 Saudi Arabia held No 16 Uruguay 1-1
- No 29 Egypt tied No 9 Belgium 1-1

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All four matches on Monday/Tuesday (India time) ended in draws -- the most in a single day of men's WC play since 1958

2-2

At No 85 New Zealand are the lowest-ranked team out of the 48 qualifiers but they held No 20 Iran to a draw

TODAY'S MATCHES (IST): Group L: England vs Croatia (1:30AM); Ghana vs Panama (4:30AM). Group K: Portugal vs DR Congo (10:30 PM); Uzbekistan vs Colombia (7:30AM).

Odisha 'steals' Soudha, Hampi from Karnataka

SUDARSAN MAHARANA @ Bhubaneswar

FROM an image of the iconic stone chariot at Hampi's Vijaya Vittala Temple being used in place of the Konark Sun Temple to a picture of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly replacing the Odisha Assembly, the Odisha government has come under scrutiny for more than 1,600 errors in textbooks prescribed for Classes I to VIII this academic session.

The new textbooks, revised and published in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, have been found to contain a significant number of errors, including grammati-



A photo of Vidhana Soudha used in a school textbook in Odisha

cal mistakes, incorrect identification of landmarks, wrong tribal nomenclature and geographical inaccuracies.

A total of 1,678 factual and typographical errors have so far been detected in textbooks for Classes I to VIII. **P7**



Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda chairs a meeting of GBA officials on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Filling potholes rocket science? KBG asks GBA

Gowda says neighbouring states have better roads despite receiving heavy rainfall

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IS filling potholes rocket science? Can't we build roads without potholes? Why do newly laid roads develop potholes? These were the questions raised by Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda to Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) engineers in his maiden meeting on Tuesday. He also raised concerns over the exclusion of Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) and Bengaluru Metropolitan Region Development Authority (BMRDA) from his portfolio.

Ridiculing the pothole-filling exercise, the minister remarked that while the old potholes were filled, new ones were emerging like mushrooms after each rain. He sought to know from the engineers the problems in building quality roads without potholes. "I understand that a few works are difficult, but these (pothole filling) are basic works. Is building quality roads more difficult than rocket science?" Gowda asked. He said Bengaluru has earned a bad reputation as a "pothole city".

Gowda said the neighbouring states have better roads despite receiving heavy rainfall. "If their roads can be free from potholes, why can't ours be the same?" he questioned. He told the officials and engineers that if the work is done properly, it would solve many problems. Later, the minister told the media that his priority is to improve the quality of life of 1.5 crore residents of Bengaluru and make it a liveable city by bringing in administrative reforms in the GBA and the five city corporations under it. He said his priority would be to address problems faced by citizens every day.

Gowda said, "While we always talk of making Bengaluru a world-class city, work must also be done to improve the lives of its residents."

Gowda said people's cooperation is essential to address the garbage problem effectively. Responding to allegations by the Opposition that the Integrated Solid Waste Management tenders were given to a blacklisted company with inflated rates, he

GBA works affected as bitumen being diverted to fertilisers

BENGALURU: With the West Asia crisis lasting for several months, the bitumen is now being diverted to fertilizer on priority. As a result, a shortage of between 150 to 200 tonnes is reported in each of five city corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA). The primary concern among the engineers is approaching monsoon and most of the roads under the blacktopping project remaining incomplete, GBA officials told Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda and sought his intervention on Tuesday. A senior official at the urban development department said each city corporation has a demand of around 1,000 tonnes of bitumen for annual road maintenance and had placed orders for around 200 tonnes two months ago. The bitumen supply is hit, they said. Bitumen is used to coat granules of urea. It prevents the quick dissolution of urea in the soil, supporting plant growth. Last month, the contractors expressed concern over a price hike from Rs 44,000 per tonne of bitumen to Rs 92,000 due to the Iran-Israel and US war.

said the government has set up a tender evaluation committee comprising senior officials, and a final call would be taken based on its report.

The minister also said that if the Opposition has any concern, it is free to submit its complaints either to the committee or directly to him. Replying to questions on the allegations of the tender period fixed for 30 years, he defended the move, stating that cities like Bengaluru need long-term planning. He said the city's present challenges were a result of the short-term approaches in the past.

Gowda also said Karnataka's e-khata system was the best in India, but admitted there were some problems in the system and that it would be addressed.

ACTIVIST ACCUSES CS OF ENCROACHING FOOTPATH

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BENGALURU-based social activist and advocate T Narasimha Murthy filed a criminal complaint with the Bangalore Metropolitan Task Force (BMTF) on Tuesday against Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh and her husband and former chief secretary Rajneesh Goel for alleged encroachment of a footpath and corporation land in Sector 6 of HSR Layout.

Murthy alleged that Shalini and Rajneesh, who are joint khata holders of the property bearing No 14C on the 1st B Main Road, MCHS Layout, Sector 6 of HSR Layout, have ex-

tended their occupation beyond their sanctioned khata boundary and encroached upon a footpath.

"They have erected permanent steel-frame structures on a portion of the footpath, thereby obstructing public right of way and effectively privatising a portion of public land. Also, they have commercially exploited the Bengaluru Development Authority - (BDA) allotted residential property by subletting it for a substantial monthly rent, despite allotment conditions prohibiting such use," Murthy said in his complaint.

Murthy said the complaint invokes offences under the Greater Bengaluru Govern-



The encroachment of footpath at Sector 6, HSR Layout, in Bengaluru

ance Act, 2024, including illegal erection of structures on public streets, encroachment on

land vested with the city corporation and unauthorised use of corporation property, as well as criminal trespass and mischief provisions under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

The activist provided documentary evidence such as e-khata (Form A), which records the property boundaries and the usage as "Own and Rental" and photographs allegedly showing the encroachment and permanent steel-frame structures on the footpath in front of the said property.

The complaint said these are not ordinary encroachments by common people, but alleged violations committed by the former and current chief secretaries of Karnataka,

who are expected to be custodians and role models in upholding the law and protecting public property.

Murthy requested BMTF to register an FIR immediately under the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act, 2024, and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and conduct a detailed investigation, including spot inspection and survey.

He demanded that the alleged illegal structures be removed from the footpath and that it be restored for public use. He also insisted on referring the matter to the BDA and competent disciplinary authorities for appropriate action regarding violation of allotment conditions and service conduct rules.

Small traders, street vendors to go on strike from tomorrow

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OVER 58,000 bakery, confections, beeda shop owners, street vendors and other small traders from Bengaluru have announced an indefinite strike starting Thursday, alleging harassment by various government departments and seeking protection from what they describe as arbitrary enforcement of rules and regulations.

Speaking at a press conference here on Tuesday, Ravi Shetty Baindoor, state president of the Karnataka Rajya Karmika Parishat, said small business owners are facing frequent inspections, penalties and intimidation from officials, despite operating legally and paying taxes. All bakeries and small shops in Bengaluru will observe a complete bandh. While a statewide protest has also been called, other parts of Karnataka are expected to hold a partial bandh, he said.

The association alleged that traders are subjected to verbal abuse, prolonged questioning at police stations and civic offices, and face arbitrary closure of shops. It also claimed that some officials impose heavy fines on small retailers for possessing banned plastic covers while allegedly overlooking large-scale manufacturers and wholesale suppliers.

They also alleged that shopkeepers are often penalised for selling tobacco products that are otherwise permitted for sale by the government.



Members of the Karnataka Rajya Raittha Sangha and Green Brigade protest at City Market on Tuesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Farmers' protest against eviction hits business activities in KR Market

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MEMBERS of the Karnataka Rajya Raittha Sangha and Green Brigade led by its state president Kodihalli Chandrashekar staged a protest at KR Market here on Tuesday against the eviction of street vendors and restrictions on the entry of vehicles carrying farm produce into the market premises.

Business and trade activities in and around the KR Market area came to a standstill for a few hours because of the protest. Sangha leaders alleged that farmers and traders were unable to get their vehicles carrying farm produce into the

market premises after the introduction of the new parking system there. "Free entry and exit points at the market have been blocked. Barricades have been placed in such a way that traders have to stop their vehicles far away from the wholesale market area," Chandrashekar told reporters.

Vehicles of farmers and traders are forced to stop around one kilometre from the market. Because of this, they have to spend money on transporting their goods to the market. Barricades have been placed there to ensure that all vehicles entering the market go to the newly opened parking zone so that those running the

zone collect parking fees, the leaders alleged.

Even fire extinguishers and ambulances can't reach the market area in case of emergencies. Eviction of vendors has affected their livelihoods, the leaders said.

They met Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao and demanded that he take immediate action to ensure that there are no restrictions on the vehicles of farmers and traders entering the market area. The Bengaluru Central City Corporation (BCCC) should allow small traders and vendors in the market area by collecting a nominal fee from them, they said.

CA students showcase skills at ICAI talent search

BENGALURU: The Bengaluru Branch of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), in association with Southern India Chartered Accountants Students Association Bengaluru, recently conducted branch-level rounds of the National Talent Search, a nationwide initiative of ICAI's Board of Studies. The event provided a platform for Chartered Accountancy students to showcase their skills beyond academics. The students participated in a range of competitions, including sketching, pitch deck presentation, debate, chess, elocution, instrumental music, quiz and poetry. **ENS**



Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHS

17th June: Blind Draw It's a complex and fast-moving astral day ahead, a grab bag including a trine, a square, conjunctions and oppositions. As it goes with grab-bags, we may blindly stick our hand in, though our fingers seem to have a sense of their own, intuitively feeling for what's right to hold onto and pull out. Reach first, analyze later.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Shared humor creates intimacy faster than many serious conversations. You'll laugh with people and get to know them, because laughter has a way of inviting truth to the surface where it can be shared and accepted.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)

You may not always show up in bubbly ways, but people feel your positivity through your sense of humor--especially the subtle or dry kind. The feeling people get around you: safe, comfortable, understood, relaxed.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)

You're the lantern. Your warmth draws people toward you, especially those wandering in the dark. Like travelers seeking light, they gratefully find you, follow your lead and lay their service and talents at your feet.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

It's all about mutual appreciation and connections. The best friendships are between people who don't need each other at all but simply like each other. Paper and pen will help you concentrate, comprehend and express your truest self.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Like a perfumer turning many flowers into a single beautiful scent, you take inspiration from different people, experiences and ideas, then blend and balance them all into an expression that is uniquely your own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

There's nobility in how you choose to place your focus. You have already decided what matters to you, and that's half the battle. Today, you'll tend to what matters and let nothing shake you from your purpose.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

Friendship is a creative endeavor built by two. Each is aware of their own side of the build. Think of a way to learn more about what the other person is experiencing, and you'll work better together from here on out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)

Someone who hates mornings may dream of becoming a sea, a gym person, but if their natural rhythm is nighttime creativity, the habit won't stick. Work with the patterns that exist. What doesn't fit into the established order won't last.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

The real reason people give you their attention today? You've proven that you're respectful of it. You don't overpromise and you don't bore. You either sense what they are expecting or you find it out, then deliver with a twist.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You do not put your blanket trust in a person. Rather, you trust them to behave in the ways they've shown you are typical of them. Fundamentally, trust is a prediction. You're getting better at predicting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

One way you show your love is to roll with the way the other person is feeling. You don't expect, demand or even want them to behave inauthentically. You're willing to take the high and low moods in stride.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)

You'll sail through the task that used to take you days and weeks. Why? You've learned what's unnecessary. You've cut out a lot of discussion, research and deliberation because experience has taught you what works.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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SUDOKU EASY

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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CROSS WORD

ACROSS

- Strip joint on the street (6)
- Customer has the legal right in court (6)
- Sole support for a jockey (7)
- Rita's broken bones (5)
- Got us to display zest (5)
- Exercise restraint about newspapers (7)
- Finishes - a sentence? (4,1,4,2)
- I'm close to danger and put in jeopardy (7)
- Complain when I get in difficulty (5)
- Tried a new way when weary (5)
- Superior people who like to gamble (7)
- Don's best port? (6)
- Talk about the foreign dwelling (6)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Codici, 5 Melee, 8 Misereleaneus, 9 Carga, 10 Extreme, 11 Toecap, 12 Cave in, 15 Iron Age, 17 Ufer, 19 Bride and groom, 20 Elect, 21 Blinded.

DOWN

- Falsely signed sketch (6)
- Seven dancing castaways? (5)
- Grieves they may be drowned (7)
- Drunk started smoking (3,2)
- Eastern organisation seen to be taken seriously (7)
- Justification for drinking (6)
- Groups that promote diversionary activities (6,5)
- Prime US source of judges (7)
- Looking out for a situation for the hands? (2,5)
- Cold tart (6)
- Afternoon service? (3,3)
- Went on a horse to the ring for the show (5)
- One type of wood that's perfect (5)

JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.



WHEN HE DOZED OFF IN MATH CLASS, THE TEACHER SAID ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: TARDY, AWARD, BASKET, MOTION. Answer: When they heated slices of bread on the campfire, they were --- WARM AND TOASTY



Chief Minister DK Shivakumar is very committed to developing not just Bengaluru but Karnataka, and making it both a world-class city and a leading state in the country

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Biocon founder and Executive Chairperson

File FIRs immediately in sextortion cases: DG&IGP

Prior consent not a ground to refuse a case, says MA Saleem

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DIRECTOR General & Inspector General of Police (DG & IGP) MA Saleem has issued standing instructions to all police stations across Karnataka to register FIRs immediately in complaints involving non-consensual dissemination of private or intimate images/videos, including cases commonly known as “revenge pornography,” “sextortion,” or blackmail through intimate content.

In the circular issued on Tuesday, Saleem mentioned that it has come to the notice of the authorities that, in some cases, police stations are either refusing to register complaints or delaying the registration of complaints related to the publication or circulation of private/intimate photographs and videos without the consent of the person concerned. In certain instances, complaints have been rejected on the ground that the victim had initially consented to the recording of the images or videos.

The following directions have been issued:

Legal position on consent: All

RELEVANT LEGAL PROVISIONS

Section 77, BNS, 2023 (Voyeurism)

Section 66E, Information Technology Act, 2000 (violation of privacy)

Section 67, IT Act, 2000 (obscene material)

Section 67A, IT Act, 2000 (sexually explicit material)

Sections 66E, 67, and 67A are gender-neutral and focus on the unauthorised dissemination of content, irrespective of prior consent to recording

cops must note that consent to recording is not the same as consent to publication or sharing.

No refusal based on prior consent: Police shall not refuse or delay registration of FIRs merely because the victim had previously consented to the recording of the images or videos.

Blackmail and sextortion: Where intimate content is used to extort money, sexual favours, or any other benefit, relevant provisions relating to extortion

and criminal intimidation under the BNS, 2023, in addition to the IT Act, should be invoked.

Zero FIR: If the offence occurred outside the jurisdiction of the police station, a Zero FIR must be registered, and later transferred to the appropriate police station.

Removal of content and preservation of evidence: Police must take immediate steps to issue notices to relevant intermediaries/platforms under the IT Act and IT Rules, 2021, to remove or block the offending content. All digital evidence must be preserved.

Protection of victims: The identity of victims must be kept confidential. Complainants should be treated with sensitivity and dignity, and any behaviour that may humiliate or stigmatise them must be avoided.

Coordination with cyber units: Officers must coordinate with Cyber Crime Police Stations and the CID Cyber Division for technical probe.

Accountability: Disciplinary action will be initiated against officers if they fail to register FIRs in such cases, or delays are caused by wrongly citing “prior consent” as a reason.



MAJOR DRUG BUST

City Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh takes a look at seized items during a property parade in Bengaluru on Tuesday. Police arrested 23 people, including two foreign nationals, and seized narcotic substances and banned tobacco products worth Rs 8 crore in multiple operations across the city | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Water tanker driver strangles live-in partner to death

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A 20-year-old woman was allegedly strangled to death by her live-in partner after a fight at their residence in the Seshadripuram police limits. The incident occurred on Saturday, but came to light only later. The police have arrested the accused.

The deceased was Anusha ND. Her boyfriend and the accused, Sharath (25), is a water tanker driver. Both are from Sakleshpur. They were living at a rented house in Malleswaram. The police said the two became friends through social media and had been living in the house for the

past six months. On Saturday, an argument allegedly broke out between them and escalated, following which Sharath allegedly strangled Anusha to death.

On Sunday, Sharath informed a friend, who is a lawyer, about the murder. The lawyer then alerted the police, who rushed to the spot and found the house locked. After noticing the key near a window, they entered the house and found Anusha dead. Her body was shifted to Bowring Hospital for a postmortem. The exact motive behind the murder

is yet to be ascertained, the police said, adding that the accused has been taken into police custody for further questioning.



Sharath



Anusha ND

HITCHHIKER TAKEN FOR A RIDE, LITERALLY!

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HITCHHIKING proved costly for a 25-year-old tailor after he was attacked and robbed by a gang of four miscreants in Kanakapura town in the early hours of Sunday.

The victim, M Raju Kumar, a resident of Kale Gowdana Dodi in Kanakapura, had gone to buy medicines from a pharmacy at KNS Circle on Saturday night. Since he did not get a bus to return home, he took a free ride in a car around 10.30 pm. Once he got inside, there were

two people already sitting. Instead of driving towards his residence, they took him towards Ramanagar. They called their two other associates. All four of them, after parking the car in an isolated place, attacked him. They took Rs 5,000 that was with him and asked

him to call his friends or relatives to send him the rest of Rs 20,000, said an officer.

“The accused transferred the money to different UPI accounts from the victim’s mobile phone. After snatching his phone, the accused pushed him out of the car near the Chan-

napatna bridge around 1 am on Sunday and escaped,” the officer said. The victim then went to a hospital in Ramanagar. The police have obtained vital clues about the accused based on UPI transactions. A case of robbery has been registered against them.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR, SAMAGRA SHIKSHANA KARNATAKA, CHAMARAJANAGAR DISTRICT.

No.SSK/C3/KGBV Type-I & 4/01/2026-27, Dated: 12.06.2026

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Under the Samagra Shikshana Karnataka program Eligible bidder are invited to submit tenders through the e-procurement portal for supplying catering/food services to the students of KGBV Type-1 Residential School, Mellahalli in Yelandur Taluk, and KGBV Type-4 hostel Chamarajanagar, Gundlupet, Kollegal & Yelandur in Chamarajanagar District, for an approximate total value of **Rs.93.50 Lakhs.**

The tender authority reserves all rights to accept or reject any or all tenders. Eligible bidders can upload their tenders online through the e-procurement platform from Date: 12.06.2026 until Date:22.06.2026 up to 04:30 PM For more information, please visit www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/-
District project Co-ordinator and Ex-officio, Samagra Shikshana Karnataka, Chamarajanagar District.

NO:DIPR:CHANAGAR:176:2026-27

City Municipal Council, Bailhongal (District: Belagavi)

Sl. No: CMC/BLH/CR/2026-27 Date: 15-06-2026

QUOTATION NOTIFICATION (Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

The City Municipal Council, Bailhongal, hereby invites quotation rates through the e-Procurement portal for the preparation of estimates for a total of 03 (three) works under the 15th Finance Million Plus Challenge Fund for the years 2023-24 and 2024-25, and under the General Fund grants for the year 2026-27. The Indent Numbers for the works are DMA/2026-27/IND6351, DMA/2026-27/IND6352, and DMA/2026-27/SE8035. Eligible contractors/suppliers/ firms may submit their quotation rates through the e-Procurement portal on or before 22-06-2026 by 5:30 PM. The technical and financial bids will be opened on 25-06-2026 at 11:00 AM. The detailed notification can be viewed on this office's website: <http://www.bailhongaltown.mrc.gov.in/tender>. For further information, interested parties may contact the Health Section of this office.

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner CMC Bailhongal
Sd/-Administrator CMC Bailhongal & District Commissioner, Belagavi

DIPR/BGM/NO-NO-430/KMCA-2026-27

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: 605/EEE/PD/AEE(O)/HBL/2026-27/979-81 Date: 12.06.2026

NOTIFICATION

KPTCL has formulated scheme under Electricity Act-2003 and the scheme is hereby published. This notification is issued for the information of the concerned persons and general public.

Name of the work: Upgradation of existing 2X5MVA, 33/11kV sub-station to 2x20 MVA 110/11kV sub-station at Uppinabetageri (Hanumanakoppa) and Construction of 110kV LILO Line from one of the circuit of existing 110kV Narendra - Shedabala (Garaga) SC line using LYNX conductor to Proposed 110/11kV Uppinabetageri (Hanumanakoppa) sub-station for a distance of 12.295Kms in Dharwad Taluk & District. The details of Transmission linepasses through the area/villages and land survey numbers are as follows:

Shedabala: 12, 13, 16. **Tadakoda (Bhavihala):** 542, 545, 546, 547, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 485, 486, 489, 488, 491, 492. **Hangaraki:** 194, 195, 196, 204, 202, 249, 250, 253, 254, 255, 258, 259, 260, 265, 266, 18, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 3, 2, 77, 76, 78, 75, 74, 72, 79, 73.

Kotabagi: 255, 274, 273, 272, 270, 268, 267, 266, 261, 259, 258, 257, 254, 231, 233, 230, 226, 225, 224, 223, 222, 221, 218, 216, 217, 213, 212, 211, 207, 205, 204, 201, 199, 195, 188, 178, 177, 174, 173, 169, 168, 167, 166, 164, 163, 162, 159, 158, 156, 157, 152, 151, 150, 149, 145, 148, 147, 146. **Kallur:** 149, 145, 144, 138, 123, 125, 124, 126, 118, 117, 114, 107.

Lokura: 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36.

Uppinabetageri: 257, 258. **Hanumanakoppa:** 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 91, 90, 93, 95, 103, 101, 102, 142, 143, 144, 140, 145.

The said transmission line passes through above mentioned villages of land survey number and neighbouring villages of land survey numbers. Cost of the project: **Rs. 3268.28 Lakhs.**

Need for sub-station and line: To provide quality of power supply, voltage improvement and to meet future load growth at **Shedabala, Tadakoda (Bhavihala), Hangaraki, Kotabagi, Kallur, Lokura, Uppinabetageri, Hanumanakoppa** in and around surrounding Villages.

KPTCL shall have and exercise all powers which the telegraphic authority's posses under part III of the telephaphic act 1885 for implementation of the above said schemes. Objections if any regarding the project shall be sent to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notification.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele), Projects Division, KPTCL, Hubballi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

My client **MAHENDRA KUMAR S/o Sri. Mishral**, Aged about 53 Years, Presently Residing at No.E-1501/1, 94, Chikkangangappa Road, Virabhadra Nagar, Bangalore-560085, has irretrievably lost the following documents which are:-

(i) Original Sale deed dated 10.07.1996 executed by Sri.R.Shashi Kumar infavour of Smt.Nagarathna and which is registered as document No.1333/1996-97 of Book-1, Volume-2014, Page Nos.55-58 registered in the office of Sub-Registrar Basavangudi, Bangalore.

(ii) The Photocopy of the Death Certificate of Smt.Vilasamma who died on 18.04.1989. My client has lodged a Police Complaint for loss of article on 14.06.2026 under Complaint No.1644326230000799.

If any person/s found the said Original Sale deed and Photocopy of Death Certificate, please come forward with in a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice and hand over the same to the under signed, will be suitably rewarded. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction is in the process of being carried out using the missing document, kindly inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address within 07 days from this paper publication. Else there won't be any further claims from thereon.

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NOTICE is hereby given to the public that we are investigating the right, title, interest, benefits, entitlements of whatsoever nature of the owner of lands situated at Chunnegowdahosahalli and Huskur Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District which are more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written and hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Schedule Property".

ALL persons or entities including individuals, Hindu Undivided Families, companies, banks and financial institutions, firms, and associations or bodies of individuals whether incorporated or not, and lenders and/or creditors, having any objection, claim, right, title or interest of whatsoever nature in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, whether by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, pledge, lien, gift, trust, inheritance, succession, family arrangement, lease, tenancy, easement, licence, assignment, attachment, development rights, agreement, settlement, court order/deed/judgement, or otherwise, are hereby requested to inform the undersigned in writing, supported by the original documents, at 6/12, Gurappa Avenue, Primrose Road, Bengaluru 560 025 within 14 (Fourteen) days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing this, any such claim shall be deemed waived and/or abandoned, and our client shall be at liberty to proceed with the intended transaction in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural lands mentioned hereinbelow situated at Chunnegowdahosahalli and Huskur Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District:

Sl No.	Description of Property	Boundaries			
		East by	West by	North by	South by
Chunnegowdahosahalli Village					
1.	Survey No. 33/2, measuring 25 Guntas including 1½ Guntas Kharab	Land belongs to Puttanna	Land belongs to Channegowda and Shashikala	Land belongs to Krishnappa Kumar	Land belongs to Muneendra Kumar
2.	Survey No. 26, measuring 11 Guntas including 02 Guntas Kharab	Land belongs to Jayamma, w/o. Byre Gowda and Rajajiah Talavara Ramiah	Land belongs to Doddappa Muniyappa	Land belongs to Muneendra Kumar, Jayamma, Lakshamma and Prameela	Government Land (Gundthopu)
Huskur Village					
3.	Survey No. 161/1B1, measuring 22 Guntas including 02 Guntas of Kharab	Land belongs to H. Nanjundappa in Survey No. 161/1B2	Land belongs to Puttanna	Land belongs to Nanjundappa, s/o late Veeranna	Land belongs to C.H. Srinivas
4.	Survey No. 161/1B2, measuring 01 Acre 25 Guntas including 02 Guntas Kharab	Land belongs to Siddanna	Land belongs to Srinivas in Survey No. 161/1B1	Land belongs to Muneendra Kumar	Land belongs to Channegowda
5.	Survey No. 160/3, measuring 09 Guntas	Land belongs to H. Nanjundappa	Land belongs to Srinivas in Survey No. 160/4	Land belongs to H. Nanjundappa	Land belongs to Rajanna
6.	Survey No. 160/4, measuring 01 Acre 13 Guntas including 01 Gunta Kharab	Land belongs to H. Nanjundappa in Survey No. 160/3	Land belongs to Puttanna	Land belongs to C.H. Srinivas	Rajanna, s/o. late Marappa

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 [read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below.

Sl. No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Guarantor/s and Mortgage/s	Short Description of The Immoveable Property With Known Encumbrances, if any	A.Branch Name B.Account Number C. Total Dues	Date & Time of e-Auction	A.Reserve Price, B. EMD Amount, C. Bid Increase Amount D. Status of Possession	Property Inspection Date (With Prior Permission From Authorised Officer)
1	Mr. Gopala Krishna R (Borrower) S/o Sri. Ramakrishnaiah, No 187, 4th Cross, Chikkaswamy Layout, Jaraganahalli, JP Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore – 560078, Karnataka	PROPRY DETAILS: SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing consented Sy No 43 (vide order No.ALN (S.U) SR 174/2010-11 dated 03.05.2011) measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 14 guntas out of which 04 Guntas of Kharab situated at Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk presently comes under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Limits and bounded on, East by: Re-Sy No 61 (Quarry), West by: Private Property, North by: Sy No 44 and Road, South by: Himagin Properties	A. ROSARB – Bengaluru South (Base Branch – Jayanagar) B. 0764060002742	20.07.2026 FROM 2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM	A. Rs. 26,33,000/- B. Rs. 2,63,300/- C. Rs. 10,000/- D. Symbolic	AFTER 17.06.2026
2	Mrs. Ashwini (Co Borrower) W/o Mr.Gopala Krishna R No 187, 4th Cross, Chikkaswamy Layout, Jaraganahalli, JP Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore – 560078 Karnataka Also residing at: Mrs. Ashwini (Co Borrower) W/o Mr.Gopala Krishna R #785/31, 6th Cross, 10th Main, BSK Ist Stage, Bengaluru South, Bangalore 560050, Karnataka	SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY: 206.45 Square feet undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership in SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY. SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY: All that Residential Flat No 316, in A-Block, 3rd Floor in "PRUTHVI ROYAL" Apartments constructed in Schedule "A" Property apartment measuring 801.06 Sq Ft of Super built up area consisting with ONE Bed Rooms with attached toilets, living hall, kitchen, balcony, floorings with vitrified tiles and inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use along with the said apartment bounded by: East by: B BLOCK, West by: Corridor and Flat No 302, North by: FLAT No 315, South by: FLAT No 317.				
3	Mrs. Chandrakala S (Guarantor) D/o Narayan, No. 209, 2nd Floor, 10th Cross, Sarakki Ist Phase, J P Nagar, Bangalore 560078					

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction> and online auction portal Baanknet.com. Pending Charges regarding Property Tax, E khata making charges, Society maintenance charges any other charges and any other legal charges to be borne by the highest bidder. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No. 080-25011441 and Mobile No.9137960132.

Date: 16.06.2026 Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

LAST RESORT: CONG CORRALS MLAs IN WONDERLA, JDS TO SHIFT OUT TOO

MLC polls tomorrow, parties keep sharp eye on legislators, voting

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

TWO days before the Legislative Council elections on June 18, the ruling Congress moved its MLAs to Wonderla resort in Bidadi, where it held its legislature party meeting. The party is also strategising on voting for its five MLC candidates; while the party has the numbers for a smooth election, it is leaving nothing to chance.

Eight candidates are fighting for seven seats, and every single vote counts. The election has brought back classic resort politics and shadow games to the poll stage.

Unconfirmed reports said the JDS is preparing to shift its 18 legislators to a resort in North Bengaluru, near Devanahalli, on Wednesday, amid fears of cross-voting and poaching.

It is said that Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has personally orchestrated the relocation of Congress MLAs to the resort. It is the first test for Shivakumar, who took charge earlier this month. The Congress has 134 MLAs, but only around 120 legislators are at the resort. While party leaders claim that the remaining 13-14 MLAs are either busy with work or unwell, and have excused themselves, slivers of doubt remain. The Congress is concerned about three issues—cross-voting, absenteeism and MLAs deliberately marking votes to make them invalid. The party will drive the MLAs from the resort straight to Vidhana Soudha on Thursday morning.

JDS insiders are said to be particularly anxious about the loyalty of GT Deve Gowda, a



CM DK Shivakumar greets former CM Siddaramaiah at the CLP meeting in Bengaluru on Tuesday. AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala looks on

senior MLA and former core committee chairman, amid tight arithmetic for their candidate, Inchara Govindraj, also referred to as Govinda Raju. The JDS is reportedly short of a clear majority and is banking on some Congress MLAs either staying away or crossing over at the crucial moment. Union minister and JDS leader HD Kumarawamy's taunting jab "Why is the troubleshooter worried?" was a pointed reference to Shivakumar moving his legislators to a resort ahead of the high-stakes election on Thursday.

The BJP, which won 66 seats, is concerned about ST Somashekar, Shivaram Hebbar, Basanagouda Patil Yatnal and Janardhan Reddy cross-voting.

Meanwhile, inside the Congress camp, the spotlight is on

the fifth candidate, Vinay Karthik Prakash, a close confidant of CM Shivakumar. While the party is confident of securing four seats comfortably, the fate of the fifth contender has become its biggest headache. Party leaders are breaking down voting patterns to the finest detail, reviewing each MLA's allegiance, and reinforcing discipline to prevent any last-minute surprises. Sources said each of the legislators will be told whom to vote for and the party will ensure it too, as it is not a secret ballot. The Congress is openly worried about its legislator and former minister KN Rajanna, who was unceremoniously dropped from the cabinet.

As the rival camps plan their moves, the coming 48 hours promise to bring more twists to the plot.

RSS chief must give proper reply to my letter: Priyank

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Home Minister Priyank Kharge on Tuesday claimed that Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat has not replied to his letter on the issue of registration of the Sangh.

Addressing reporters in New Delhi, he, however, urged Bhagwat to reply to his letter as he had written it as a representative of the state government.

"A video of Dr Bhagwatji being widely circulated as response to my letter is false. I dispatched my letter and also put it on social media on June 15. While this interaction by the RSS chief was on June 13/14," he said, adding that he posted it on X tagging a video clip of Bhagwat with June 14 as its dateline. "Mohan Bhagat's justification at Thrissur in Kerala on June 13 was not in response to my letter. It was his reply to a question on not allowing the RSS route march in Chittapur (Priyank's assembly constituency) earlier," he clarified, adding that he has not received a response from Bhagwat to his June 15 letter.

Claiming that it was not his

personal letter to the RSS chief, Priyank said, "Bhagwat must give a proper reply to my letter." He said according to a report by Akhil Bharatiya Pratidinhi Sabha, the highest policy-making body of the Sangh, there are 4,127 branches of RSS in the state and 562 roadshows have been held. An organisation organising such activities should be accountable, he added.



The minister said instead of the RSS chief, the BJP is responding to his letter. Clarifying that he is not against the activities of the RSS, Priyank said what he is insisting is that the law of the land should be followed.

Rowdy sheeters' list

Priyank said that instructions have been given to officers in the home department to withhold a proposal to remove 66 names from the rowdy sheeters' list.

"There is information that there are 10 to 12 notorious rowdies in the list. I have sought an explanation in this regard from the Bengaluru City Police Commissioner. Proper action will be taken on this matter. The list includes the names of some BJP workers also," he said.

YATHINDRA DEFENDS PRIYANK'S DEMAND

Urban Development Minister Yathindra Siddaramaiah launched a sharp attack on the RSS, alleging that the organisation functions as a political entity supporting the BJP rather than merely a cultural organisation. Yathindra defended Home Minister Priyank Kharge's statements and argued that the RSS should be subject to the same legal and regulatory requirements as other organisations, including registration and financial accountability.

BJP: He is engaging in selective moral outrage

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THE political debate over the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) intensified in Karnataka, with BJP leaders strongly criticising Home Minister Priyank Kharge's remarks concerning the organisation.

BJP leaders defended the RSS and accused the Congress of trying to divert attention from issues facing the state.

Karnataka BJP President BY Vijayendra hit out at Priyank and said that calls for transparency from Congress leaders ring hollow when the party itself is yet to provide clear answers on issues such as the National Herald case. He alleged that the minister's statements were aimed at pleasing the Congress high command and safeguarding his position in the government.

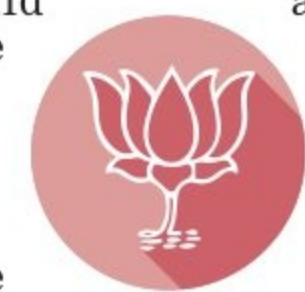
Reacting on social media 'X', Vijayendra accused Priyank of engaging in "selective moral outrage" while ignoring controversies linked to his own party. He also alleged that Priyank's statements were aimed at pleasing the Congress high command and safeguarding his position in the government.

Defending the RSS, Vijayendra said that it is one of the world's largest voluntary organisations built on discipline, service, sacrifice and dedication to nation-building. He said that the organisation's shakhas, social initiatives and service activities are conducted openly and have earned the trust of millions of Indians over several generations.

"The RSS does not require a certificate of legitimacy from

the Congress. It is already registered in the hearts of crores of patriotic Indians," he said. He also pointed out RSS' contributions during natural disasters, blood donation drives and tribal welfare initiatives. According to Vijayendra, the issue of RSS has been taken to divert attention from the failures of the Karnataka government.

Leader of Opposition in the Council Chlavadi Narayanaswamy pointed out that in 1948, Mahatma Gandhi had suggested that the Congress be dissolved. He had proposed changing its name to Lok Sevak Sangh and urged it to work for the welfare of women, Dalits



and the protection of cows. "Mallikarjun Kharge is now the AICC president. Why have you still not written a letter asking when the Congress will be dissolved in accordance with Mahatma Gandhi's wishes?" he questioned. Further, Chlavadi said Priyank often says that the law of the land is the same for everyone. "In that case, why have you not approached the courts?" he challenged.

Adding to this, Haveri Member of Parliament and former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai said there are atrocities on women and other unlawful cases being reported in the state. "As a home minister, instead of focusing on these serious issues, maintaining peace and order in the state, Priyank Kharge's efforts to question the existence of the RSS in order to impress his party's high command and inch closer to higher positions are laughable," he said.

Aspirants continue lobbying to make it to DKS cabinet

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WITH Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and former CM Siddaramaiah likely to visit Delhi soon after the June 18 election to seven MLC seats to meet Congress high command leaders, lobbying has intensified to secure ministerial berths.

Supporters of Indi MLA Yashwant Rayagouda Patil staged a demonstration outside the CM's residence in Bengaluru on Tuesday, alleging that Large and Medium Industries Minister MB Patil, MLA from Babalshwar, opposed the appointment of another legislator from Vijayapura as a minister, fearing he would lose prominence. But MB Patil told reporters on Tuesday that one more cabinet position should be given to Vijayapura district. Shivakumar is in favour of Yashwant Rayagouda entering the cabinet, sources said.

A protest was also held outside the residence of Deputy CM Dr G Parameshwara. In Tumakuru, former minister TB Jayachandra asserted that he, too, is a strong contender. Since he is the state's special representative in Delhi, his chances are bleak. But Jayachandra is the lone Kunchitiga Vokkaliga Congress MLA, and his community members want him to be made a minister. According to him, the cabinet expansion is likely before June 25.

Tiptur MLA K Shadakshari, a Veerashaiva-Lingayat, who

fell ill during his visit to Delhi recently, met Shivakumar on Tuesday and sought a cabinet berth. He claims that he is the lone party MLA representing the community in the Old Mysuru region and deserved to be made a minister.

Former minister Madhu Bangarappa remained a strong contender under the Ediga community quota, whereas new KPCC president BK Hariprasad is backing Sagar MLA Beluru Gopalakrishna, brother-in-law of former minister Kagodu Thimmappa.

It will be no surprise if new faces like Hoskote MLA Sharath Bachegowda, with the backing of AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, and Virajpet MLA AS Ponnanna, with Siddaramaiah's support, make it to the cabinet, a source said.

Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah will visit Delhi after Hariprasad is officially sworn-in as KPCC chief at a rally in Palace Grounds, Bengaluru, on June 21.

But the cabinet expansion may get further delayed given the stiff competition among the 60 aspirants, a source informed TNIE.

But the CM has declared that all district ministers should take part in the campaign that Congress will launch on June 23 to create awareness on SIR. Hence, it is to be seen whether the expansion will happen by then so that every district will have its in-charge minister, a Congress leader hoped.

Biz leaders meet CM, pledge support for a better B'luru

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

A delegation of corporate leaders met Chief Minister DK Shivakumar at his office in Vidhana Soudha on Tuesday. The business honchos, who are also honorary consuls of various countries, included Biocon founder and Executive Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Honorary Consul of Ireland. The meeting was held amid the row over Shivakumar's ambitious Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township project in Bidadi which is being opposed by JDS and BJP. The business leaders reportedly supported Shivakumar in his initiatives for the IT capital. Many expect Shivakumar to follow in the footsteps of former CM SM Krishna, who gave a lot of impetus to the city's growth.

Shaw later told reporters that the delegation had a very good meeting, and would be supporting the CM in all the initiatives required to develop Bengaluru into a world-class city. "I think every country we represent is willing to basically support this effort. So I think that's the main essence of our conversation... the CM is very committed to developing not just Bengaluru but Karnataka, and making it both a world-class city and a leading state in the country," she said. Shaw noted that many things need to be done as Bengaluru needs better infrastructure, including the tunnel road, elevated corridors and Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) which has been rebranded as Bengaluru Business Corridor. "He (Shivakumar) has got a special budgetary allocation for improvement of ORR (Outer Ring Road), so I think a lot is going to happen. And of course, he has taken bold measures in garbage and solid waste management, so we as citizens should really do our bit to be civic-minded," she said. The delegation included Geetanjali Kiroloskar, Honorary Consul of Finland, Vikram Vishwanath (Peru), Mohan Suresh (Rwanda), Shabeena Sultana (Tunisia), Karthik Tallam (Cambodia), Kasu Venkata Rajagopal Reddy (Seychelles), Channarayapadma Rajappa Raghu (Poland), NS Srinivasa Murthy (Vietnam), Sanjiv Shanmugam (Uruguay), Suresh Vaswani (Luxembourg), BL Naveen (Cote D'Ivoire), Venkatesh Srinivas (Malawi), V Ravichandar (Slovenia), Prakash Pushpak (Czech Republic), Ravi Shankar BN (Senegal) and Raghavendra Poojari HS, Lead-B.Pac.

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A delegation of corporate leaders greets Chief Minister DK Shivakumar at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Tuesday

Adoption of AI in biotech, genomics stressed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA'S biotechnology ecosystem received a glimpse of the state's future roadmap as the 64th meeting of the Vision Group on Biotechnology (VGBT) focused on strengthening biomanufacturing, artificial intelligence-driven innovation, startup financing and commercialisation support.

The meeting, convened by the state government here on Tuesday, was chaired by Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, who reviewed the progress of key biotechnology initiatives and

discussed measures to accelerate innovation, advanced manufacturing, talent development and investments in the sector. A major focus of the meeting was the growing convergence of artificial intelligence, quantum technologies and life sciences. Members highlighted Karnataka's potential to emerge as a global hub for AI-enabled biotechnology innovation and called for wider adoption of AI in drug discovery, diagnostics, genomics, precision medicine and healthcare applications.

Addressing the meeting, Mazumdar-Shaw said, "Karnata-

ka has built one of India's strongest biotechnology ecosystems, supported by world-class research institutions, industry leadership and a vibrant startup community. As we enter the next phase of growth, we must strengthen mechanisms that support translational research, commercialisation and scale-up."

She also advocated exploring dedicated biotechnology investment mechanisms and embedding AI across the biotechnology value chain to unlock new opportunities in biomanufacturing, diagnostics and healthcare innovation.

POWERHOUSE

B'gavi likely to miss hosting this year's monsoon session

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Belagavi

THE Karnataka government's earlier decision to hold the monsoon legislature session at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi has reportedly been withdrawn.

According to sources in the Belagavi deputy commissioner's office, the decision taken during the tenure of former chief minister Siddaramaiah to convene the session in Belagavi in the second week of July has been put on hold after

DK Shivakumar took charge as CM. The cabinet expansion is the next big challenge before the government and as the Congress top brass is meticulous about it, it may have been decided to retain the session in Bengaluru, the sources said.

The state government has not issued any directions on preparing for the session in Belagavi, which has led officials to believe that the session has been dropped, sources indicated.

Belagavi district authorities had already begun preliminary



preparations based on the government's decision. Meetings were conducted to coordinate accommodation, security ar-

rangements, transportation and other logistical requirements for legislators, officials and visitors expected at the

session. The proposal had further gained momentum after Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti publicly supported the idea of the monsoon session in Belagavi. Commenting on the issue, Deputy Commissioner Mohammed Roshan said no communication has been received from the government on conducting the session in Belagavi. "It appears that the monsoon session in Belagavi has almost been cancelled," Roshan said. An official announcement from the state government is still awaited.

RGUHS records 89.22 pass percentage

(S. PREM MANOHAR WILLIAM)
RECOVERY OFFICER



SANJAY GANDHI INSTITUTE OF TRAUMA AND ORTHOPAEDICS

(Government of Karnataka Autonomous Institute)

Byrasandra, Nanjarajpet, Bengaluru - 560 011

Ph: 080-26564516, 26562500 Grams: SITO Fax: 26565222

E-mail: sitodirector@gmail.com

No.SGITO/e-Tender/Drugs(02)/Anaesth(09)/2026-27 Date:16-06-2026

RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal Only)

Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma & Orthopaedics, Byrasandra, Nanjarajpet, Bengaluru - 11, invites tender from the eligible tenderers through the KPP portal of GOK for The Following.

Sl. No.	Description
1	Drugs, Surgicals, Disposables, Consumables and Other Items
2	Supply of General Anaesthesia Machine - 3 Nos.

The Tenderers can download the documents from
<https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/> on or after **17-06-2026** and the last date for submission of completed tenders through e-portal is **01-07-2026 upto 4:00 PM**.

The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept / reject or cancel tender without assigning any reason thereof.

**Sd/- Director,
Tender Inviting Authority**

DIPR/CP/1184/CCL/2026-27

IN THE COURT OF THE JUDGE, CIVIL JUDGE & J.M.F.C. AT DEVANAHALLI

C. Mis. No. 264/2026

Between: Sant. Subrahmanya & Anr...Petitioners
And: The Chief Officer & Ors...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, undersigned on behalf of my client Sri. Chandru P. Soletta Petitioner, residing at #4, 3rd Cross, Hosahalli, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru North, has filed the above petition for the death certificate of his father, Sri. S. Subrahmanya, who died on 28/07/1985, if any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble CJ & J.M.F.C. at Devanahalli and the objections should be filed on 22/07/2026 at 11:00 AM. C. Mis. No.264/2026

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Civil Judge & J.M.F.C. Court, Devanahalli

K.R. Umesh, Advocate
B&B Law Chambers
No.6, Sharaneshwari, Devanahalli.

**IN THE COURT OF THE XIV ADDITIONAL
CITY CL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT
BANGALORE**

P & S.C.No. 198/2026

**BETWEEN : Smt. Aishwarya
Raghunathan, W/o. Late Srinath
Ramachandran Mudilgar, D/o. Late
Srini Raghunathan, S/o. Late
D. Baby Shrishya Srinath Mudilgar, D/o.
Late Srinath Ramachandran Mudilgar, aged about 8
months, No. 3/A, R-36, 60 Feet Rd.,
Remachandra Nagar, Bangalore - 560010.**

**Represented by mother and Natural
Guardian Sri. Aishwarya Raghunathan, 3,
Smt. Jagadha Ramachandran Mudilgar, W/o.
Late Srinath Ramachandran Mudilgar, R-36,
Remachandra Nagar, Bangalore - 560010
Flat No.10, Coelho Apartments, Margao,
Salcete, Margao, South Goa, G.O 4308001**

PETITIONERS

AND: NIL.....RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above-named Petitioners have made petition to this Court under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act 1925 for issuance of an order appointing the said Hon'ble Court as Guardians of the said minor children of late Srinath Ramachandran Mudilgar in respect of the schedule assets, which stands in the name of late Sri. Srinath Ramachandran Mudilgar. You are hereby informed that you may appear before the Hon'ble Court person or through an advocate duly instructed, on this 27/07/2026 at 11:00 AM in the event you have any objections against the Petition, failing which the same will stand allowed. The Petition will be heard and decided ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

A. Kotah Mahindra Branch, Thippasandra Branch having Bank A/c. No. 3749582301 with Balance of Rs. 1,07,194.99 (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety Nine Paise) B. HDFC Bank, CV Raman Nagar Branch having Bank Account No. 50100735597843 with balance of Rs. 34,40,000.00 (Rupees Three Lakh Forty Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven and Seven Paise) C. C. HDFC Bank Fixed Deposit Linked to A/c No. 50100735597843 having value of Rs. 1,00,00,000.00 (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousand only) D. Axis Bank, NM Road Branch, Koregaon Park Pune, having Term deposit No. 526395107 with Balance of Rs.1,63,63,000.00 (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Three Thousand and Sixty Three Paise) E. Raja Ila Insurance bearing Policy No.C193419359 having value of Rs. 2,64,000 (Rupees Two Lakh Sixty Four Thousand only) F. Mutual Funds Lakshmi Sagar Mutual Fund having balance of Rs. 12,23,316.00 (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Three Hundred and Sixteen only) G. National Pension Scheme Lakshmi Sagar Mutual Fund having balance of Rs. Three Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand only) as of 6 Dec 2025. H. Provident Fund having Universal Account number 1410104412145 with value of Rs. 1,00,00,000.00 (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) I. Term Insurance - Max Life Insurance Company Ltd. with value of Rs. 10,00,000.00 (Rupees Ten lakhs only) J. US Stocks. As of 6 Dec 2025 with Balance of Rs.27,75,000.00 (Rupees Two Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand only) held with (IND). K. India Stocks on Zerodha (718). As of 6 Dec 2025 with Balance of Rs. 1,00,00,000.00 (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) L. India Stocks Two Hundred and Twenty Seven Sixty L. India Stocks on IND Money (8338). As of 6 Dec 2025 with Balance of Rs.82,70,000.00 (Rupees Eighty Two Thousand and Seven Hundred only) M. Crypto investment on Coin Switch. As of 6 Dec 2025 with Balance of Rs.62,893.00 (Rupees Sixty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Three Paise) Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 15/06/2025.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru

SANDEEP LAHIRI & DEEPIKA JISHI
Advocates

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No. 19, 3rd Floor, 1st Main Road, ISRO Station, NEW BEL Road, RMV 2nd stage, Bangalore 560094.
E-mail: sandeep1ahiri1@gmail.com



THE NEW
**INDIAN
EXPRESS**

Tourists must stay 30 ft away from elephants at camps

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE state forest department on Tuesday made public the first-ever Karnataka Elephant Camp Safety Protocol for elephant camps, captive elephant holding centres and public elephant viewing facilities.

Tourists will have to stand at least 30 feet away from elephants to watch them in camps. Visitors can no longer bathe, touch or feed the elephants. They will have to stand in the demarcated green zone-viewing gallery-- to see the animals. All activities of the elephants and the visitors will be monitored and recorded through CCTVs. Not more than 10 elephants will be kept for public viewing in camps.

A visitor from Tamil Nadu was killed in the Dubare elephant camp on May 19. The protocols are similar to the Standard Operating Procedures which were released by the forest department after a trekker from Keralam had gone missing and another had died in the forests of Karnataka.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, wildlife, Kumar Pushkar said: "The protocols were signed on June 11. The camps have been given 15 days time to abide by them. The camps will be inspected and certified and permission

for operation will be given. Until the permission is obtained, operations are not permitted."

He added that based on the carrying capacity of the camp size, the number of elephants and the footfall, batches and timings for visitors allowed to view the elephants will be also decided.

Pushkar said not more than 50-75 visitors can be allowed at one point in the green zone. Viewing time should be restricted within 20-30 minutes, apart from 10 minutes briefing time and 10 minutes buffer time.

Of the total 10 elephant camps in the state, tourists are allowed in Dubare, Harangi, Mathigodu, Sakreblyu and Pansoli in Dandeli. The department houses 114 elephants in the 10 camps, the highest in India.

The protocols also stated that musth, pre-musth, aggressive, injured, sick, fatigued, stressed, newly captured, recently fighting or uncertain-command elephants and mother with a calf (until about six months old) shall not be exposed to the public. Elephants will not be placed close enough to push, gore, displace or disturb each other during public viewing or operational handling.



ALL ELEPHANT CAMPS TO HAVE THREE ZONES

Red: Elephant operation area- bathing, feeding, tethering, vet care. Accessible only to mahouts, vets and staffers. Area is barricaded

Amber: A controlled pathway for staff movement and emergency works

Green: Visitor viewing area, where they are accompanied by guides to watch the elephants. Visitors cannot touch, feed or bath the elephants. Crossing the barricades is prohibited

FOCUS ON SAFETY

Camps will be supervised by in-charge DRFOs, and violations of protocols could lead to closure of the camp.

Visitor batches and time slots will be fixed and displayed based on footfall and camp capacity

Online booking and spot-entry ticketing systems will be introduced

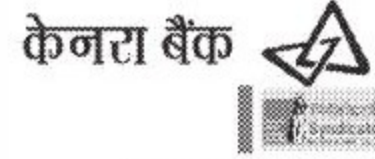
Children, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and pregnant women must remain under strict supervision

Elephant behaviour codes and daily opening procedure logs must be maintained

EXPRESS READ

AIDSO raises concern over language-based discrimination at government schools

BENGALURU: The All India Democratic Students Organisation (AIDSO) Karnataka released a statement on Tuesday, alleging that bilingual government schools in the state are discriminating against students on the basis of the language used to write exams. State Secretary Ajay Kamath said, "An A grade is being awarded only if the student answers in English. No matter how exceptionally well they write, students answering in the Kannada medium are being given B grades." "Giving Kannada a secondary status in learning and refusing to recognise students who write in Kannada is a clear violation of the freedom of language choice. The government is also violating the Supreme Court's recent verdict, which mandates promotion of mother tongue in primary education. The AIDSO strongly condemns this move by the Karnataka state government," reads the statement. The organisation demanded the immediate cessation of the alleged practice. **ENS**



Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

**Canara Bank,
ARM Branch I**

2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.G. Road,
Bangalore-560001.

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARM Branch-I, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **22.07.2026 at 10.30 AM to 11.00 AM**, for recovery of **Rs. 20,89,69,196.29 (Rupees Twenty Crore Eighty Nine Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand One Hundred Ninety Six, Paise Twenty Nine Only)** as on **15.06.2026 plus further interest and cost thereon** due to ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from **1. M/s. Sri Ganapathy Agro Industries Poornima Mill**, Sangama Road, Hullahalli, Nanjangud, Heggadadevanakote Taluk, Mysore-571314. **2. Mr. Ganesh S S/o. Sri C. Shivarudrappa (Partner)**, No. 1314/1, Sangama Road, Hullahalli, Nanjangud, Heggadadevanakote Taluk, Mysore-571314. **3. Mrs. Poornima W/o. Mr. Ganesh S. No. 1314/1, Sangama Road, Hullahalli, Nanjangud, Heggadadevanakote Taluk, Mysore-571314.**

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **21.07.2026, 5.00 pm.** (Rs. in Lacs)

Lot	Description of Immovable Properties (Name of owner/mortgagor to be mentioned)	Reserve Price Rs.	EMD Rs.	Incremental value Rs.
1.	REM of Land & Bldg. at Sy. No. 64, Ppty. No. 1314/1, Unique No 152200535042021641 located at Sangam road, Hullahalli village(includes a residential bldg. with assessment no. 1237A on an area of East to West 350 ft & North to South 355 ft), Nanjangud in the name of the Mr. S Ganesh.	773.50	77.35	5.00
2.	REM of Residential Bldg. in the name of Mr. S Ganesh situated at Assessment no. 362, Ppty. No. 1315, Hullahalli village, Nanjangud Tq Mysore measurig East to West 33.53 Sq. mtrs & North to South 11.43 Sq. mtrs./ 4124 Sft.	64.10	6.41	1.00
3.	REM of Residential Site in the name of MR. S Ganesh, Site no. 230 with assessment no. 1905 (Old no. 1218) in Hullahalli village, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysore.	62.10	6.21	1.00
4.	REM of Residential site in the name of S Ganesh bearing assessment no. 4342/ A/4161/A situated at Hullahalli village, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysore.	32.50	3.25	1.00
5.	REM of Residential site in the name of S Ganesh bearing assessment no. 4342/4161 situated at Hullahalli Village.	26.60	2.66	1.00
6.	Plant & Machinery*	120.50	12.05	1.00

***Details of the Plant & Machinery :**

Lot	DESCRIPTION	No's	Depreciated Market Value in Rs.
1.	Hurring Pont Rise	1	66,880
2.	Bunker	4	1,379,400
3.	Boiling Sector - Paddy	12	2,750,440
4.	Panel Board Strater	1	41,800
5.	Steam Pressure	1	476,520
6.	Dryer Unit	1	66,880
7.	Paddy Unloader	1	41,800
8.	Paddy Feeding/Cleaning System	1	117,040
9.	Cyclone System	1	108,680
10.	Paddy Cleaning System - 2	1	401,280
11.	Rock Cleaning System	1	259,160
12.	Unloading system	1	50,160
13.	Packing	1	25,080
14.	Mini Corn Presser with Accessories	1	225,720
15.	Panel Board	1	158,840
16.	Silky Polyester	1	484,880
17.	Separator Rice Paddy	1	58,520
18.	Husk Separator	1	66,880
19.	Paddy Cleaning	1	50,160
20.	Paddy Sewing	1	41,800
21.	Insulator Pipes	1	1,872,640
22.	Air Compressor	1	29,260
23.	Circuit Breaker	1	33,440

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in **Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com)** or E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal and may contact **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 08025310066, 7022044933 and 9486092152** during office hours on any working day.

Date: 16.06.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

LOST
I, Adarsh Srinivasa, residing at #93,
5th Cross, 1st Block, R T Nagar,
Bangalore - 560 032, I am the
absolute owner of property bearing
No 93, 1st Block, R.T. Nagar
Bangalore-560032, have lost the
original Lease - Cum Sale Deed
Document No: 4152/78-79
executed between Bangalore
Development Authority (BDA) and
Mr. Rangaswamaiah pertaining to the
above said property. The above said
document dated 20.08.1980 was
registered before the Sub Registrar
office, Gandhinagar Bangalore.
Finders please contact: **89048 60031**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice given on behalf of my client
Balakrishna Reddy S/o. Raghunath Reddy aged about 58 years, residing at Nagondanahalli village, Whitefield, post, Bengaluru-560066. I am the legal representative of the above said person. The Original Sale deed executed by Smt. Jayangamma, Wife Late Venkatasubbaiah, in favour of Sri N. H. BSKR-1309-2006-20, CD No HK5083033, Book No.1 registered in the office of the Sub Registrar Hosur. While shifting house from his house in Nagandakankote Village to Nagondanahalli village on 26-3-2006, I registered this sale deed. He has also lodged a police complaint dated 1-4-2003 in the post of local police No.21755163/2002 Thumralasethalahalli police station, Bengaluru Rural. If anybody in possession of the above said original registered document, please return it to the registered address mentioned below immediately.

Balakrishna Reddy B S/o. Raghunath Reddy
Residing at Nagondanahalli Village,
Whitefield post, Bengaluru-560066
Mobile: 9902442372

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED- TENDER NOTICE

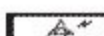
Office of the Chief Engineer(Commercial &Tariff),Vyduthy Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram

Inviting Short term tender for the procurement of 200MW RT power from 15th July 2026 to 14th July 2027

DEEP portal reference no - KSEB/Short/26/ET/27 dtd 15.06. 2026.

Submission of RIP (online digitally signed non financial technical and IPOs) – 26.06.2026, 02.00 pm

For more details visit www.kseb.in Ref : RP/MC1/F-391/2026

 **TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF ANDHRA PRADESH LIMITED**
(A Government of Andhra Pradesh Undertaking & an ISO 27001:2022 Certified Company)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The APTRANSCO invites bids online for Spec.No.PMM332-e-47/2026: Supply of 2 Nos. 220V, 850AH VRLA Battery banks.
Date & Time of availability of above tender : 24.06.2026 at 6:00PM. Website: www.tender.apecprocurement.gov.in. Contact No. CE/Transmission:0866-2429230.
R.O.No.GMCC/APTRANSCO/83/26-27 Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER/TRANSMISSION

WB HIDCO

N. I. T No. 01 of G.M.(E)II of 2026-2027

WBHIDCO invites online Percentage Rate open tender in two bid system for
“**Restoration of Road Damaged due to PHED Sewer Line Work at Western
Side Extension of Street No. 852 towards Shapoorji Bus Stand in Action
Area-III, Newtown, Kolkata**” for resourceful bonafide Govt. Contractors and
eligible outsiders in the manner as described in the detailed tender notice
available on <http://wbttenders.gov.in> and from 17.06.2026 at 11:00 A.M.

Corrigendum / Addendum, if any to this e-tender would appear only on above
Website and not be published.

General Manager (Engg.) - II
WBHIDCO Ltd.,

 **Bangalore Metro Rail**
Corporation Limited
(A Joint Venture of GoI & GoK)
Metro Rail Depot, Old Madras Road, Near NGEF Bus Stop,
Baiyappanahalli, Bengaluru-560 038 Ph:080-25191039
e-Mail: contactus@bmrcl.co.in Website: www.bmrcl.co.in
Bid No. BMRCL-2027/BD/WORK_INDENT139 Date: 17.06.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

BMRCL invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for
"Supplying and Laying of Epoxy flooring, applying of PU
Paint and Fixing of SS hand rail work in repair bay and pit
wheel lathe shed at Hebbagodi depot. R-5 section." The
works details can be obtained from the procurement website.
The Tender documents can be obtained and submitted **on**
or before 13.07.2026 up to 17:00 hrs. Further details can
be obtained from website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> or
contact this office during office working Hours.

Sd/- Executive Director (O&M)

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOSS OF PROPERTY DOCUMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that my client Mr. ABDUL JABBAR TALARI, AKA MOHAMMED, Mr. Talar Mohammed, 83, 2nd Floor, Muklihi Nagar, K.G. Hall, A.C. Post, B.D. Road, is engaged to purchase the Residential Property being Western Portion of Property No.44 & Eastern Portion Property No.45, Old Municipal No.44A, B&MP B Chata No.44A, Old New No.13, situated at Marayappana Palaya Layout, Kempapura Agrahara, Bangalore City, Presently situated at S.D.Road Ramnadas Layout, Cheluvanna Agrahara, Bangalore City, 560002, being more or less being E.W. Northern side: 13 ft, Southern side: 24.5 ft, N.S. Eastern side: 37 ft, Western side: 38 ft, Total: 796.87 sq.ft & bounded on the East by: Remaining Eastern Portion of Site No.44, West by: Remaining Western Portion of Site No.45, North by: Site No.38 and South by: Road, from its owner: Mr. SYED MANSOOR, aged about 39 years, 30 Abdul Jabbar, B. 240, 9th Floor, Telangana, U.T. Kempapura Agrahara, Magadi Road, B.D. Road, and my client is intending to get the said property registered and the sale will be completed within 10 days from today and any person/claiming any interest in the aforesaid property or any part thereof by way of any document of Conveyance, DTD, mortgage, easement, attachment or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known to us or to my client ABDUL JABBAR TALARI (NCH) within 10 days from the date of the sale from the date of this notice, failing which the sale will be completed viz., execution of registered sale deed, without any reference to such claim/s and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived. CO. "SAMARA ASSOCIATES" Mob: 8553337724

SAMARA ASSOCIATES

KALEEM BAIG B.Sc.,LLB

492, P & T Colony, Nagawara Main Road, Bangalore - 560 045, Mob: 8553337724

**IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL
SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALURU
RURAL DISTRICT BANGALURU
CIVIL NO. 12 OF 2026**

Between: 1. Smt. Sheela, M./s/o Mohan,
Minor, aged about 39 years, **2. Master Aditya,**
Minor, S/o Mohan, M., aged about 10 years,
Minor, Represented by his Mother and
Natural Guardian, **Smt. Sheela M.,** Petitioner
No.1. **Both the petitioners are R/at**
Chemasandra Village, Virgo Nagar Post,
Ward No. 10, H. S. Road, East Taluk,
Bangaluru-560 049. Petitioner –Versus–
AND -NIL-. Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public and all persons interested in the welfare and property of the minor petitioner No.2 that the above petitioners have filed G&WC No.75/2026 before the Hon'ble Court of the Hon'ble Senior Civil Judge, Bangaluru Rural District, Bangaluru, under Section 8 of the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1955 read with Sections 29 and 31 of the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890 seeking permission to mortgage the minor's undivided share in the schedule property in the name of the Hon'ble Marathahalli Branch, Bangaluru, for obtaining a housing loan of Rs.45,00,000/- for construction of a residential building on the schedule property. Any person having objections, if any, to the grant of the permission sought in the petition may appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or through an Advocate and file objections before this Hon'ble Court. Failing which, the petition shall be heard and disposed of in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing Southern Property No. of Khatha No.567/70.5, Property No.70/5, situated at Chemasandra Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangaluru East Taluk, Marathahalli Sub-township, Ward No. 10, in the North-East, 40 feet on the Southern side and North-East, 40 feet on the Southern side and North to South 32 feet, in all measuring 1344 Sq. Ft., bounded by: **East:** by Property belonging to Sri M. Srinivasa, **West** by: 25 Feet **East**, **North:** by House belonging to Madhan Babu, **South:** by House belonging to Subrahmanya. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 15/06/2026

By Order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge Court, Bangaluru Rural District, Bangaluru



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N Chandrababu Naidu @ncbn
At the World Cities Summit in Singapore today, I spoke about how vision, planning and the right ecosystem can create opportunities for millions....

BLOs to stage mass protest against SIR

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bangalore

AROUND 500-1,000 Block Level Officers –BLOs are expected to stage a protest outside the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Karnataka, on Wednesday, seeking relief from their responsibilities in the on-going Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The demonstration, scheduled for 11 am, is being organised amid growing discontent among BLOs over what they describe as unrealistic deadlines, excessive workload and intense pressure linked to the voter verification exercise. The protest was announced by a reliable source of a group that has been critical of the SIR process. The organisation has urged media representatives to attend the demonstration and document the concerns raised by the officers involved in the ground-level implementation of the exercise. The exercise is set to intensify in Karnataka from around June 20, with thousands of BLOs expected to participate in the verification process. Critics of the exercise, including Eddeleu Karnataka, have raised concerns over the pace of implementation, the workload placed on field officers and the possibility of genuine voters being excluded from electoral rolls. When contacted about this Ms Tara Rao Trustee of Eddeleu Karnataka said, “I too have heard that many are seeking relief from their responsibilities about the ongoing SIR of electoral rolls and are expected to gather at the CEO office tomorrow.” Sources said they have highlighted risks faced by vulnerable groups, including women, migrants, dalits and adivasis.

TN ex-minister Vijayabaskar resigns as MLA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

FORMER Tamil Nadu Health Minister **C Vijayabaskar**, elected from the Viralmalai Assembly constituency on an AIADMK ticket, resigned as MLA on Tuesday, reducing the strength of the Assembly from 234 to 228. With his resignation, the number of vacant seats in the House has increased to six. The AIADMK's strength has also come down from 47 MLAs to 42.

Vijayabaskar met Speaker JCD Prabhakar at the secretariat and submitted his resignation, which was formally accepted. In a statement, the speaker said the Viralmalai MLA had personally handed over his resignation letter. He added the resignation was accepted with immediate effect, as the letter was found to be in order and complied with the provisions of Rules 21 and 22 of the Tamil



Nadu Legislative Assembly Rules.

The five-time MLA is the fifth AIADMK lawmaker to quit the Assembly seat in recent months. Earlier, Maragatham Kumaravel (Madurantakam), S Jayakumar (Perundurai) and P Sathyabama (Dharapuram) and Esakki Subbaiyah (Ambasamuthiram) resigned from their posts and later joined the TVK. Vijayabaskar's resignation comes amid continuing unrest within the AIADMK. Over the past two days, he had openly criticised the party leadership, raising questions about the direction of the party.

Following his resignation, the former minister shared an emotional statement on 'X', and recalled dedicating more than 35 years of his life to the party founded by former chief minister MG Ramachandran and drawing inspiration from former chief minister J Jayalithaa, since his student days.



BACK TO BUSINESS

With the annual fishing ban ending, fishermen in east coast return with their catch at Rameswaram on Tuesday | EXPRESS

MONSOON DEFICIT: FARMERS HAVE TO ADOPT SHORT-TERM CROPS, SAYS EXPERT

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"The first four years will be a positive cycle with good rain and the second four years will be negative. We are in the first year of the second four-year pattern. We will have similar situation for next three years and farmers have to adopt short-term crops," said Prof MB Rajagowda, agrometeorologist and former registrar, University of Agriculture Sciences. Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre data said, as on date, 137 hoblis across the state are facing large rain deficit, 323 hoblis deficit, 185 normal and remaining 205 excess and large excess rainfall in June. Of the 14 major reservoirs, gross capacity is 205.96 tmcft as against 356.94 tmcft last year. GS Srinivasa Reddy, former director, KSNDC, said there has been a deficit in pre-monsoon this year that has impacted inflows into dams. "When there is good pre-monsoon rain, the catchment area of dams are saturated and when it rains during monsoon, inflows will be higher. But this year, with deficit pre-monsoon rain, catchment areas have not been saturated and no inflows generated," he said. **ENS**

ERRORS GALORE IN ODISHA SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS

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CLASS VIII textbooks accounted for the highest number of inaccuracies at 705. Among the blunders, a picture of the UNESCO World Heritage Site Hampi has been featured in place of Odisha's UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Konark Sun Temple. Similarly, a photograph of

Karnataka's Vidhana Soudha has been erroneously printed as the Odisha Legislative As-

ssembly in a Class VIII Social Science textbook.

Geographical and cultural references are misrepresented, with the state's

Niyamgiri Hills being mentioned as being located in Jharkhand. There are also a significant

number of grammatical errors in Odia, English and other textbooks. For instance, "greatest" is spelt as "gretest" in an English textbook.

Odisha School Education Programme Authority (OSEPA) said, the textbooks were prepared by the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) as an "Experimental Edition" for the academic session 2026-27 in line with NEP 2020. The books have already been printed and distributed among elementary-level students across all districts.



Hampi's Stone Chariot being shown as Konark Sun Temple

CWRC: Cauvery flow 60% less from Karnataka to TN

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE situation in the Cauvery basin is critical due to deficient rainfall in the first two weeks of June, which has led to lower water flow from the Cauvery river to Tamil Nadu and alarmingly low water levels in reservoirs in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, affecting agriculture and drinking water supplies.

In its first meeting of the current water year (June 2026 - May 2027), the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) advised both states to exercise caution in providing water to farmers for sowing kharif crops and urged them to prioritize drinking water needs in both states.

There is approximately a 60% deficiency in the flow of Cauvery water at the interstate point of Biligundlu from Karnataka during the first two weeks of June, indicating a significant lack of rainfall in the basin. Additionally, reservoir levels are alarmingly lower compared to last year.

In the first two weeks of June, only 1.75 TMC (thousand million cubic feet) of water flowed at the interstate point of Biligundlu, compared to 4.29

TMC during the same period last year. According to the final award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT), modified by the Supreme Court, a total of 9.19 TMC of water flow is required. The major reservoirs in both states within the Cauvery basin are at dangerously low levels. The KRS storage level is currently 6.98 TMC, compared to 26.24 TMC last year. Similarly, the current level of the Mettur reservoir in Tamil Nadu is 41.39 TMC, down from 85.58 TMC last year. Last year, the monsoon arrived early in May and ended with a record surplus by September. However, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has indicated that the deficient monsoon conditions are likely to continue for the remaining days of June.



EXPRESS READ

17-year-old C'garh girl gangraped at knife point

KENDRAPARA: A 17-year-old girl from Chhattisgarh was allegedly gangraped at knife point, just 200 metres from the Kendrapara SP's office at Jaganga in the district headquarters town on Monday night. The crime came to light on Tuesday after the girl's mother, a native of Raipur district in Chhattisgarh, lodged a complaint with Kendrapara Sadar police. Two persons are detained for their alleged involvement in the incident, said police. In her complaint, the mother said her daughter had gone to answer the nature's call in the night. Two miscreants, in an inebriated condition, forcefully took the minor to a secluded field near their temporary tent on the Kendrapara-Chandabali state highway and allegedly gangraped her at knife point. The accused also assaulted her when she tried to resist them. **ENS**

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE, BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT, AT BANGALORE
G & S WC No. 3/2026
BETWEEN: **MRS. RAJADA DAVI @ RAJADA VERMA** W/o Mr. Siddharth Verma D/o Mr. Krishna Mohan Dayal Aged about 36 years R/o 8407, Candeur Signage, Varthur Main Road, Varthur, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560087. **PETITIONER**
AND: **MR. SIDDHARTH VERMA S/o Mr. Surendra Pal Verma Aged about 37 years Permanent Resident of - 359/A Street No.11, Rajendra Nagar, Dehradun - 248001 Also: Office Address - Working at: Bajaj Finance, 45B Outer Ring Road, Teacher's Colony, Santhoshapuram, Sector 6, HSR Layout, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560034. **RESPONDENT****

PUBLIC NOTICE
The petitioner has filed the above suit against the respondent for:-
a. Declaring the petitioner as sole and permanent custody of the minor child named as MASTER AYAN VERMA, born on 15.10.2018.
b. To declare and appoint the petitioner as the Legal Guardian of the minor child named as MASTER AYAN VERMA, presently aged about 7 years old.
c. Direct the respondent not to interfere with the custody of the minor child MASTER AYAN VERMA, presently aged 7 years old and other consequential reliefs, if any member of the public has an issue or objection regarding this matter, they may appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or through a pleader on 16th day of July 2026 at 11 A.M. to be heard the above case, failing which the matter will be decided ex parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court, 8th day of June 2026.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Civil Ministerial Officer
Senior Civil Judge Court
Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore

Advocate for the Petitioner
DR. SUDHINDRA BHAT
Oat - Ss Law
#105, Ground Floor, 22nd A Main, 22nd Cross, HSR Layout, Sector - 2, Bangalore - 560102
Ph. No. 9845103951 Email - bhatit2025@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY
NOTICE is hereby given that my Clients **Mr. Jayaraj Muthakal Sreedharan and Mrs. Jyothi Tumkur Kumaraswamy** have negotiated to purchase the schedule property from **Mr. Sridhar S** which is free from all encumbrances. Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the below mentioned his Counsel **Mr. RADESH K**, Office at Third Floor, Above Favara Car Wash, SMN Complex, Whitefield Main Road, Thubarahalli, Bangalore, within 7 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to said claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing Site No: 114, PID No: 1159305533, measuring East to West: 18.29 Meters (60 Feet) and North to South: 15.49 Meters (50.83 Feet), totally measuring 283.31 Square Meters or 3050 Square Feet in the layout known as "SHRINAMA SERENITY", formed in Sy No: 35/7, Situated at Byadarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.

Contact: **Mr. RADESH, BE, LL.B, LL.M**
Director- MKM Legal Solutions Pvt Ltd.
e-mail id: radesht@mkmlegalsolutions.com
Contact No: +91 9741900359

PUBLIC NOTICE
General Public hereby notified that my client **Smt. LATIA, N W/o Jeevan Kumar**, P aged about 58 years, residing at No.253, Bannerughatta Road, Near Post Office, Guttigere, Bangalore-560 083 is the absolute owner and in possession and enjoyment of the property mentioned below in the schedule. She has lost/misplaced the original Sale Deed dated 13.08.2014 executed by Mr. Mahadevappa, the attorney holder of Mr. Rangappa, in favour of Mr. V. Kiran Kumar, registered as Document No.5149/2014-15 before the jurisdictional Sub-Registrar Office, Bangalore, pertaining to schedule property. In this connection E complaint has been lodged on 15.6.2026 vide lost report No.2255028/26. I hereby call upon the general public if any one is in custody or possession of the same or otherwise found the above said document kindly handover to the undersigned within 7 days and also I further bring to the notice of general public that in case anyone dealing with the schedule property on the basis of said original document shall not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No. 16, BBMP, Site No: 717, Pillaganahalli Village Assessment No.5/4 & 5/5 situated at Pillaganahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West: 30-0 ft. and North to South: 40-0 ft. total measuring 1200 sq. ft. bounded on:-
East by: Site No. 17, **West by:** Site No. 15, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No. 19, **H.R. SADANANDA**, Advocate
No. 21/2, 1st Main, Gandhinagara, Bangalore-560 009.
Date: 16.6.2026 Place: Bangalore

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ayanur Sub Forest Division, Shivamogga
No.: ACF/Tender/CR-01/2026-27 Date: 15.06.2026
Short-Term e-Tender Notice (Call-3) (Through e-Procurement Portal)
Short-Term Tenders Call-3 are invited through e-procurement portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 from interested Forest contractors registered in Forest Department as Forest contractors for the year 2026-27 and having experience of growing saplings of various sizes, plantation advance works and having experience of carrying out similar works as put to tender in the Forest Department and having necessary facility for growing of saplings in the limits of the zone where works have to be carried out for implementation of "Formation of Monsoon Plantation and carrying out Advance Works" in the limits of various Forest Zones of Shivamogga Regional Forest Division including Change of places of work implementation mentioned in e-procurement portal under various Head of Account based on expected Grant for the year 2026-27. Last date for submission of Tenders is fixed as: 23.06.2026 up to 4.00 PM. For further information this office can be contacted during office hours and details of the Tender can be obtained through the official website <http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>
Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ayanur Sub Division, Shivamogga
DIPR/smg/ksmca/26-27/6506373

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Corporate Office: "CHOLA CREST" C 54 & 55, Super B - 4, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032.
Branch : Municipal No. 45 (Old Nos. 45 and 45-1), Second Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore - 560027.

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) [RULE 8 (1)]
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 15.12.2025 with respect to your Loan Account(s) No. **ML018TB00000068690** calling upon the Borrowers : 1. **MR. JOSEPH SANJAY ANTHONY SWAMY AND 2. MSLCARITAC**, Both are residing at : No. 630, 1st Floor, 5th Main, 1st Cross, Kullappa Circle, St. Thomas Town, Kammanahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560084, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 26,42,346/-** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred Forty Six Only) as on 15.12.2025 with interest therein within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in Particular and the public in general that the undersigned As Per The Court Commissioner appointed by the Hon'ble Chief Judicial Magistrate At Bengaluru Rural in Cr.Mis.761/2026, Order Date 07.05.2026 has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4), 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 15.06.2026. Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **M/s. CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED**, for an amount **Rs. 26,42,346/-** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred Forty Six Only) as on 15.12.2025 and interest and charges thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.10, House List Khatha No.108/1, situated at Chelekere Village @ Meghanapalya, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently within the limits of BBMP, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 Square feet and along with building constructed thereon and bounded on : **East by :** Site No. 9, **West by :** 18 Feet Road, **North by :** Private Property, **South by :** Site No.11.

Date : 15.06.2026 Place : Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA-DEPARTMENT OF SPACE CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP, SDSC –SHAR SRIHARIKOTA-524124
Brief E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tender Notice No.SHAR/CMD/AC/G2687207/2026-27 Date: 15/06/2026
On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works:

Sl. No.	Brief Name of work	Value (Rs)
1	Replacement of Airconditioning plant serving for L110 facility at FLP area, SDSC SHAR.	252.11 Lakhs

Last date for sale (Tender documents can be downloaded) up to 30/06/2026 14:30 hrs. For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenders may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website <https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html> and tender free view at <https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro>. Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG/ SDSC SHAR

STATE BANK OF INDIA
HOME LOAN CENTRE, SHANKARPURAM (64063)
No. 13/1, 3rd Floor, Bull Temple Road, Opp. Sri. Ramakrishna Mutt, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004.
Ph : 080 25943006/007, Email Id: support.shankarpuram@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 [HEREINAFTER CALLED "ACT"]
A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower **Sri.B.L. Narasimha Murthy S/o Lakshmi Narasimhaiah** have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them and guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name and Address of the Borrower : Sri.B.L. Narasimha Murthy S/o Lakshmi Narasimhaiah, No.72, Pattanagere, R R Nagar, Bangalore-560098. **And also at:** Karnataka State Warehousing Corporation, No.407/67, 7th Cross, 1st Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011.

1) Account No.'s : HTL-64132496273, Term Loan-64132496284
Demand Notice: 20.05.2026 **NPA Date :** 02.05.2026
Amount outstanding (As on the date of notice) : Rs. 9,74,387/- (Rupees Nine lakhs seventy four thousand three hundred and eighty seven only) as on 18.05.2026 and you are also liable to pay future interest from 19.05.2026 at contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.

Description of the Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of property Khatha No.2003/1755/72, situated at Bangalore Bruhat Mahanagara Palike Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Pattanagere Village, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West: 30 Feet, North to South 40 Feet with building thereon held in the name of "Sri.B.L. Narasimhamurthy S/o Lakshminarasimhaiah" and bounded by : **East by :** Muniyappa's Property, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Marappa's House, **South by :** Muniyappa's House.

Partition Deed dated 18.08.2012 is registered in favour of "Sri.B.L. Narasimhamurthy S/o Lakshminarasimhaiah" in Book No.1 under Document No. Document No.RMN-1-04417/2012-13 and Stored in C.D No.RMND184 at SRO Ramanagara dated 21.08.2012.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower /Guarantors/mortgagors are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002.

The borrowers/guarantors/ mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 20.05.2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank of India
Place : Bangalore Home Loan Centre Shankarpuram, Bengaluru

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challenghatta, Bangalore-560071.

E-AUCTION NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISIO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.
The undersigned as authorised officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken possession of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction) of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 12.06.2026	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date Time & Place for submission of Bid
1	79189420000175	1) Mr. Sultan Salauddin, 2) Mrs. Afsreen S	10.07.2025	17.09.2025	Rs.47,21,920.37 (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Twenty One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and Thirty Seven Paise Only)	08.07.2026 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.2,65,01,000/- (Rupees Two Crores Sixty Five Lakhs One Thousand Only)	Rs.26,50,100/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Fifty Thousand One Hundred Only)	22.07.2026 @ 02:00 PM	21.07.2026, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challenghatta, Bangalore-560071
Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property comprising of Land and a Residential house bearing Site No.55/A-2-21, New Municipal No.21/3 Old Municipal No.55/2A and 21 allotted BBMP Pid No.64-1-21/3, situated at 1st Cross, Gurraappanapalya Main Road, Bangalore (formerly known as Property No.55/1, Old No.55/2, and later No.55-A/2), Thavarakere, Dhakle, Guruva Bhov Palya, Begur Hobli, South Taluk) Bangalore at present comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP limits, Bangalore, Ward No.170. Measuring East to West 50 Ft. and North to South 40 Ft. Totally measuring 2000 Sq.ft. and Bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Underground Drain and property of Munichinappa, North by: Property belongs to Mohammad Afroz, South by: Remaining Portion of the same property retained by R. Prakash.										
2	47059630001341 & 47059410000495	1) Mrs. Rathnamma 2) Mr. Shivabommegowda	17.03.2025	03.04.2026	Rs.9,48,037.40 (Rupees Nine Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Thirty Seven and Forty Paise Only)	25.06.2026 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.5,89,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Only)	Rs.58,900/- (Rupees Fifty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Only)	04.07.2026 @ 02:00 PM	03.07.2026, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challenghatta, Bangalore-560071
Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel for Property E-Khatha No.152900203800220042, Khaneshumari No.210/192/1, measuring East to West 5.72 meters and North to South 28.35 meters, situated at Tippuru Village and Dhakle, Herindyananahalli Grama Panchayath, Kanakapura Block, Ramanagara District and Bounded on: East by: House belongs to Shivabommegowda, West by: House belongs to Rajanna Subbanna, North by: Government Road, South by: House belongs to Nagaraju Sannamma.										
3	47050430000116	1) Mr. Kiran Kumar K S, 2) Mrs. Sukanya	21.08.2025	29.04.2026	Rs.6,68,018.93 (Rupees Six Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Eighteen and Ninety Three Paise Only)	25.06.2026 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.12,15,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifteen Thousand Only)	Rs.1,21,500/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty One Thousand Five Hundred Only)	04.07.2026 @ 02:00 PM	03.07.2026, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challenghatta, Bangalore-560071
Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the property Khaneshumari No.1061/638/588, measuring East to West 9.1439 meters and North to South 12.1919 Kodihalli meters, situated at Village, Kodihalli Grama Panchayath, Kodihalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and Bounded on: East by: House belongs to Saraswathi, West by: Site belongs to Suresha, North by: Remaining Property, South by: Road.										

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PPI WILL SHARPEN NATIONAL INCOME ESTIMATES, NEEDS RELIABLE PRICE DATABASES

NDIA'S Wholesale Price Index (WPI) rose to 9.68 percent in May, the highest print in at least 44 months. Unarguably, the biggest drivers of price were oil and gas, chemical products and basic metals. Rising energy costs raised input prices across sectors, contributing to broader producer price pressures. For instance, inflation in crude petroleum and natural gas accelerated to 61.51 percent, while mineral oil prices jumped 49.82 percent. With global crude prices correcting closer to \$80 a barrel after the latest deal to end the Gulf war, it will be interesting to see how soon retail and wholesale inflation soften. Meanwhile, the May data marks the first release under the revised WPI series with the 2022-23 base and an expanded basket of 957 items.

Importantly, India also launched a comprehensive Producer Price Index (PPI), which is set to replace the WPI in 2031. The reason for the transition is clear: the WPI measures average price changes of goods at the wholesale level, but excludes services such as healthcare, education and telecom despite India being a services-driven economy. It remains a key economic indicator and is used extensively in price escalation clauses in long-term contracts, apart from serving as the deflator to calculate real GDP. On the other hand, the PPI captures prices that producers receive and pay, and hence is an early indicator of supply-side pressures. What makes PPI better is that, unlike WPI, it excludes indirect taxes. When taxes rise, wholesale inflation often firms up even if the cost of production remains unchanged. Given that PPI excludes taxes, trade margins and transportation costs, it is the cleanest indicator of price changes at the factory level. Another key difference is that the WPI includes imported goods, while the PPI measures only domestic production.

Above all, the PPI provides a more complete picture as it tracks price changes in banking, telecom, aviation and other services. So if used as a GDP deflator, it can enhance the accuracy of national income estimates. Which is why, advanced economies use the PPI as the principal measure of producer-level inflation and this shift will align India with global statistical practices. That said, building timely, reliable and accurate producer-level price databases is a complex task, while measuring price changes in the services sector is more challenging than measuring goods prices.

ICC SCHEDULING LEAVES WOMEN'S T20 WC IN SHADOW

AS Curaçao, the smallest nation to qualify for the Fifa World Cup, had their moment of jubilation on Sunday after scoring a goal against Germany, halfway across the world India women were celebrating too. The Harmanpreet Kaur-led side had just beaten Pakistan in their opening game of the T20 World Cup being played in England and Wales. And it happened in front of a record 18,814 fans.

The International Cricket Council counted it as the best-attended Women's T20 World Cup group match. The other matches of the tournament have also seen fans turning up in good numbers. This World Cup may even surpass the 2020 edition, when the tournament total added up to 1,36,549, with 86,174 fans filling up the Melbourne Cricket Ground for the India-Australia final. The ODI World Cup last year also posted record turnouts as India women went on to win their first global title.

Yet, the biggest women's T20 World Cup—featuring 12 teams—is being played in the shadow of the biggest men's sporting event. The tournament began a day after the Fifa event got under way and will end two weeks before the final in New Jersey. For the sake of ensuring greater attention, the ICC could have avoided the clash. Though the dates for the women's event were announced before the football World Cup's, the ICC could have discussed the scheduling once it came up. Back in 2010, men's and women's T20 World Cups were played in the Caribbean in May, followed by the Fifa event in South Africa in June. Barring the Qatar edition, Fifa World Cups have always taken place in June. This leads us to a pertinent question: would the ICC have scheduled the men's event at the same time as the football World Cup? Perhaps not.

One thing is clear: this is an opportunity for India women to leave a lasting legacy by winning a second consecutive World Cup. They have started well, but the real test comes next week when they face South Africa and Australia; India will have to beat at least one of them. If they make it to the knockouts, it will be a matter of one good day at a time. If the first World Cup was historic, this win would immortalise their names in the annals of Indian cricket.

QUICK TAKE

A PREVENTIVE APPROACH

WHILE the monsoon brings joy across India, it also brings the annual scourge of diseases like dengue, malaria, chikungunya and leptospirosis. Sure enough, as infections are rising, various states are putting out directives about heightening vigil on stagnant water bodies and stocking up on test kits and medicines. This year, no sooner than Kerala seemed to come to grips with the latest threat of a nipah contagion was it hit by a shigella outbreak. The bacterium has infected at least 130 people in the state since March. At such a time, the state administration has proposed a preventive approach by putting together a regional map and timelines for seasonal outbreaks so that the healthcare apparatus can plan in advance. What's stopping the whole country from adopting such a practice?

VEN in an era of Congress's near-hegemony, state-specific non-Congress parties kept their standing and not just stayed afloat—unlike the BJP's precursor, the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, which groped for an identity and political shape on a post-Independence socio-political canvas awash with colours.

The socialists and their offspring challenged the Congress in daunting circumstances in northern and western India. Meanwhile, Tamil Nadu, the fount of social justice revolution under E V Ramasamy Periyar's stewardship, worked towards crystallising its politics into a genre that had nothing to do with the conventional school represented by the Congress. The parties it engendered were antithetical to the Congress brand of politics, a feature that pitted the Dravida Kazhagam governments in Chennai sharply against the Centre. Jostling for space in this complex picture were Punjab's Shiromani Akali Dal, with a pronounced tilt towards Sikhism and militancy, and Jammu and Kashmir's National Conference.

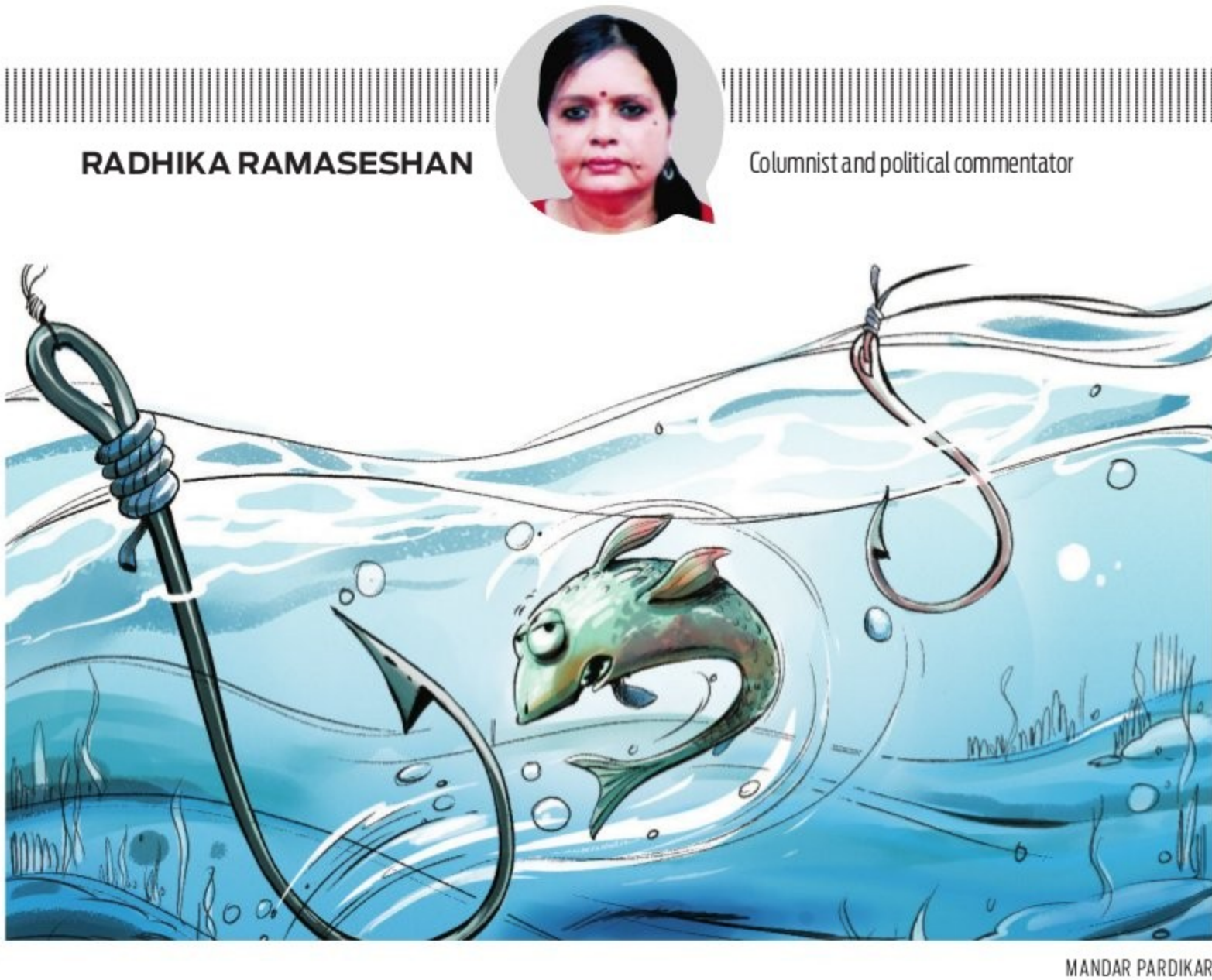
As 'Chanakya neeti' kicked in and the Congress resorted to the age-old carrot-and-stick tactics, with generous lashings when necessary, some of these parties were willing to be co-opted by the Centre. With co-option came compromises under the guise of consensus building, followed by capitulation to a way of politics that ensured that at least the roots of these formations did not disintegrate.

Every now and then, spurred by popular resentment against the Congress at the Centre and the states it governed, these parties would shift shape into pressure blocs and throw the gauntlet on the Union government or constituents in a larger anti-Congress coalition. The Jana Sangh tried to find a space for itself in such formations. Its principal asset was its ideological sheet anchor, the RSS, which not only crafted a stronger opposition language than what the socialists and the inward-looking state parties could come up with, but was endowed with a huge organisational backup.

The unwieldy but spirited experiments managed to overthrow Congress governments thrice: the Janata Party-led endeavour that was formed after Emergency, the National Front that was birthed by an act of rebellion against former PM Rajiv Gandhi by his own colleagues who were aided and abetted by the anti-Congress parties as disparate as the Left and the BJP, and the United Front that came about more to thwart the BJP's growth, was undergirded by the Left and a few regional entities

Tools of realpolitik sharpened over decades by the Congress and the BJP have left most regional parties scarred. To attract allies again, the former has to put its house in order first

REGIONAL PARTIES LEFT WITH TWO HARD ROWS TO PLOUGH



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and, out of lack of choice, solicited support from a reluctant Congress. These projects ended well before their time.

The United Front's grand plan to check the BJP failed, and instead gave a fillip to the Hindutva-soaked party that many observers erroneously imagined would be permanently cast out for leading the Babri mosque demolition. The BJP drew enough endorsers to prove that it was a major player for time to come.

The BJP needed allies to gain a critical mass and get the counterweight to challenge the Congress's pre-eminence. Its treatment of allies opened up a new chapter in the saga of regional parties. The BJP was cut-throat and benign in turns, but its strategists quickly recognised that ideology and principles were not encumbrances for the allies as long as their leaders were appropriately "rewarded" with goodies and political security. Even

parties purportedly wedded to their ideological moorings or regional interests ostensibly had no problem because in its self-interest, the BJP afforded leeway to such formations. For instance, when it first aligned with the DMK, it shed its hang-up about the use of Hindi as a compulsory language in schools. Before signing up with J&K's PDP, it put the abrogation of Article 370 on the backburner.

The BJP was vindicated in adopting an amoral stance on the process of coalition construction. Every shot at 'Operation Lotus', which involved poaching on and spiriting away a requisite number of elected MLAs and MPs preying the present day's extreme machinations, was eventually accepted as a new normal.

But even given this past, the attempted brutal annihilation of Mamata Banerjee's TMC after her rout in the Assembly polls marks another low in the pursuit

MORE ENERGY FROM THE NORTHEAST

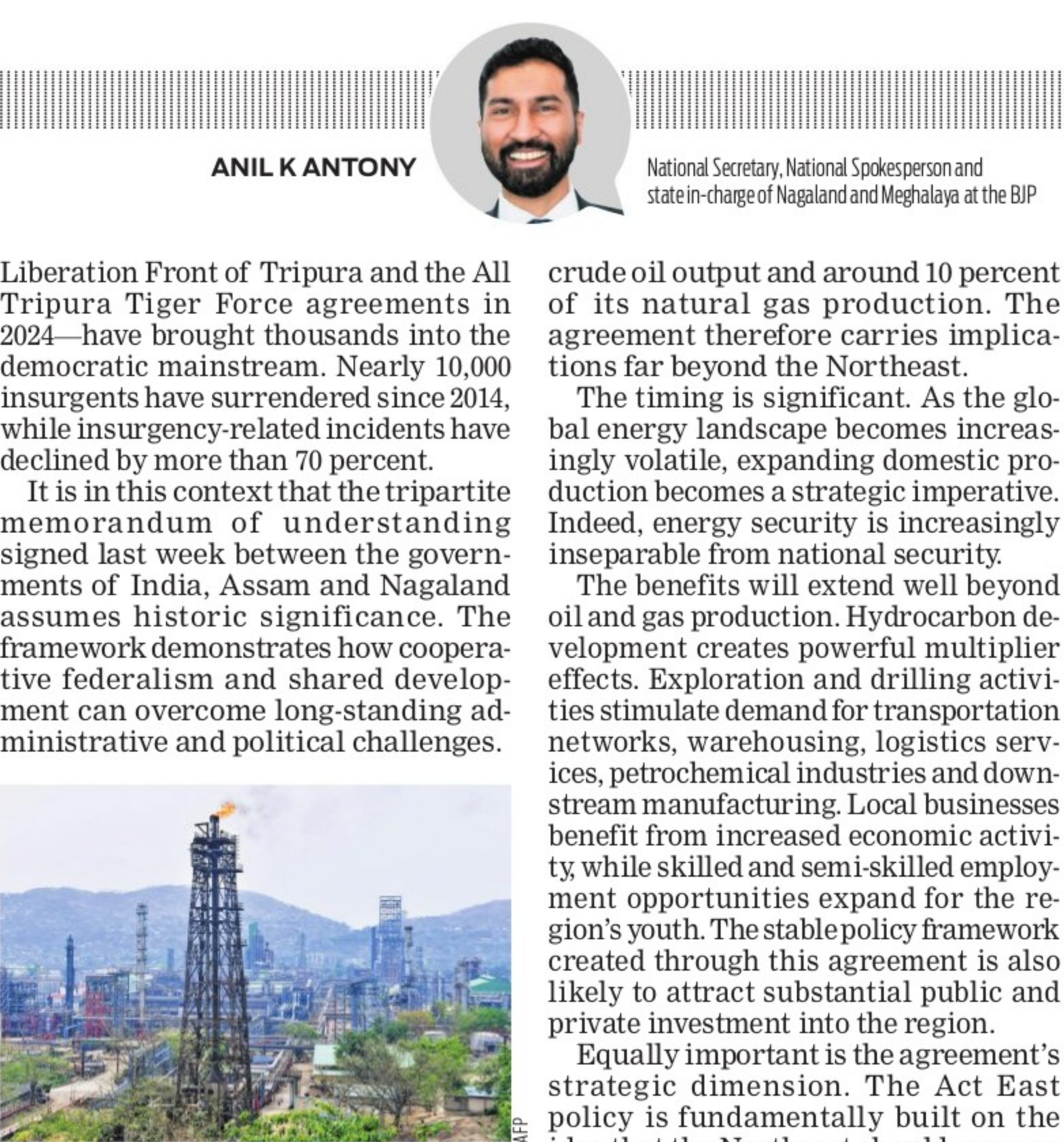
FOR decades, India's Northeast was viewed mostly through the lens of distance, insurgency and unrealised potential. Today, that narrative is being rewritten. Over the last 12 years, the region has undergone a remarkable transformation driven by infrastructure development, connectivity expansion, security stabilisation and economic integration.

This transformation is rooted in a strategic shift. The erstwhile 'Look East' policy evolved into the more ambitious 'Act East' policy, placing the Northeast at the centre of India's economic and strategic outreach. More than ₹5 lakh crore was invested in the region over a decade on roads, railways, airports, waterways, power infrastructure and digital connectivity. Major initiatives such as the Kalandan Multimodal Transit Transport Project connecting India and Myanmar and the India-Myanmar-Thailand trilateral highway, which will eventually provide connectivity deep into Southeast Asia and the wider Indo-Pacific, are reshaping the region's economic geography.

Business activity has followed infrastructure development. The ₹27,000-crore semiconductor assembly and test facility being established by Tata Electronics in Assam represents one of the most significant manufacturing investments in the Northeast's history. Combined with growing investments in logistics, tourism, renewable energy and services, the region is increasingly being integrated into India's broader growth story. Today, several Northeastern states are among the country's fastest growing regional economies.

This infrastructure and investment would not have been possible without peace and stability. The Northeast has historically been one of India's most complex internal security theatres. Insurgencies rooted in ethnic aspirations, underdevelopment and external interference challenged governance for decades.

Over the last decade, a calibrated strategy combining security measures, political engagement and economic development has yielded significant results. Landmark agreements—including the 2015 framework agreement with Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagaland (Issak-Muiwah), the 2020 Bodo Peace Accord, the Karbi-Anglong agreement of 2021, the Dimasas National Liberation Army and United Liberation Front of Asom agreements in 2023, and National



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National Secretary, National Spokesperson and state-in-charge of Nagaland and Meghalaya at the BJP

Liberation Front of Tripura and the All Tripura Tiger Force agreements in 2024—have brought thousands into the democratic mainstream. Nearly 10,000 insurgents have surrendered since 2014, while insurgency-related incidents have declined by more than 70 percent.

It is in this context that the tripartite memorandum of understanding signed last week between the governments of India, Assam and Nagaland assumes historic significance. The framework demonstrates how cooperative federalism and shared development can overcome long-standing administrative and political challenges.



The recent pact between the governments of India, Assam and Nagaland gives fresh impetus to plumbing the country's Northeast for oil and gas. At a time energy security is an imperative, it places the region at the centre of the nation's economic and trade policies

The economic implications are substantial. The Assam-Nagaland hydrocarbon belt is estimated to contain nearly 500 million tonnes of petroleum and natural gas resources, making it one of India's most strategically-important energy regions. Yet despite this enormous potential, production has remained limited to roughly 1,000-1,500 barrels a day because of administrative and operational constraints. Under the new arrangement, production could increase more than ten-fold over time. Assam already contributes approximately 14 percent of India's

crude oil output and around 10 percent of its natural gas production. The agreement therefore carries implications far beyond the Northeast.

The timing is significant. As the global energy landscape becomes increasingly volatile, expanding domestic production becomes a strategic imperative. Indeed, energy security is increasingly inseparable from national security.

The benefits will extend well beyond oil and gas production. Hydrocarbon development creates powerful multiplier effects. Exploration and drilling activities stimulate demand for transportation networks, warehousing, logistics services, petrochemical industries and downstream manufacturing. Local businesses benefit from increased economic activity, while skilled and semi-skilled employment opportunities expand for the region's youth. The stable policy framework created through this agreement is also likely to attract substantial public and private investment into the region.

Equally important is the agreement's strategic dimension. The Act East policy is fundamentally built on the idea that the Northeast should serve as India's bridge to Asean markets and the wider Indo-Pacific. For that vision to succeed, the region must be prosperous, industrially vibrant and economically integrated. Energy development strengthens this foundation.

The Assam-Nagaland hydrocarbon initiative extends far beyond resource extraction. It reflects the broader resurgence of the Northeast, a region once associated with isolation that is rapidly emerging as a hub of connectivity, investment and strategic opportunity. What was once seen as India's periphery is increasingly becoming central to its economic and geopolitical future.

While the journey is far from complete, the direction is unmistakable. The Northeast is no longer merely a frontier to be secured, but a gateway to be developed, connected and empowered. Increasingly, it stands at the centre of India's economic ambitions and strategic outreach, underscoring its growing role in shaping the nation's future.

(Views are personal)

of realpolitik dressed up as Chanakya neeti. The field opened up by regional parties is large enough for the piranhas to find and shred their prey.

Regional parties have regrouped into the following categories. Of the socialist remnants, H D Deve Gowda's JD(S) barely exists. The patriarch who expected a Rajya Sabha nomination from ally BJP was passed over—a warning that the JD(S) should scale down its expectations for the next Karnataka election.

The once-vibrant JD(U) hangs on to the BJP for dear life in Bihar after its supremo Nitish Kumar was moved to the Rajya Sabha and the BJP anointed a CM of its choice. Patna speculation has it that it's a matter of time before the JD(U) and the other satellites orbiting in its range merge with the BJP, although the Rashtriya Lok Morcha chief Upendra Kushwaha stated he would not do it. His son Deepak is set to lose his ministry after the BJP refused to nominate him for the legislative council.

Uttar Pradesh's Samajwadi Party alone is significant in the erstwhile socialist spectrum, but its ability to survive will be on a serious test at next year's Assembly polls.

Of the solo shows, the TMC is the best example of what happens to a party raised and sustained on the charisma of a single leader, with barely an ideological underpinning. With her collapse, the party disintegrated and made it an easy game for the BJP's manipulations, which the leaders have done with considerable ease so far.

The Telangana Rashtra Samithi, centred on the personality and politics of its founder K Chandrasekhar Rao, suffered a fracture when his daughter K Kavitha went her own way because her brother was declared the heir apparent. The Mayawati-owned BSP is seldom heard of, while the AAP, once seen as a great hope, is on tenterhooks after it was done out of Delhi. Again, the AAP owes everything to its leader Arvind Kejriwal, whose politics tends to get fuzzy at times.

Survival is the key for the regional parties. Under a regime that's constantly scouring for fault lines in their opponents' rank and file, they seem to have two options: make peace with the BJP on the BJP's terms and exist, or join forces with the Congress.

Indeed, the blows suffered by the TMC triggered speculation that Mamata Banerjee might merge her party with the Congress, her original home. It's a near-impossible objective to pursue, because the Congress first has to get its own house in order before getting back the prodigal sons and daughters.

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Cultural maturity

Ref: *Popularising the past* (Jun 16). It's deeply disturbing that a puritanical mindset attempts to censor historical realities in the modern era. India has a long, celebrated history of appreciating life, human anatomy, sex and art in all its artistic splendour. Our educational curriculum must reflect this cultural maturity rather than succumbing to prudish distortions.

M Pradyu, Kannur

Pakistan's possibilities

Ref: *Perils of misreading Pakistan* (Jun 16). While signing defence agreements with Saudi Arabia, Pakistan mediated peace talks with Iran. While importing arms from China, it maintained strategic relations with the US. While being a safe haven for terrorism, it secured the vice-chair of the UNSC counter-terrorism committee. It seems the neighbouring countries' wisdom has rubbed off on Pakistan to push the limits of the art of the possible.

K S Mohana Murugan, Chennai

Valuing equity

Ref: *SC marks home care* (Jun 15). The pioneering work of economist Marilyn Waring reminds us that what economies do not count, they often fail to value. The Supreme Court's intervention should therefore be viewed not as an attempt to put a price tag on affection, duty or familial responsibility, but as a necessary step towards recognising care as an essential pillar of social and economic life. Monetary compensation may serve the limited purpose of legal justice; genuine equality requires a deeper transformation in our social norms, economic frameworks and public policies.

Sanjeev Jha, New Delhi

Football disclosure

Ref: *When Fifa scores own goals* (Jun 16). Growth without governance is unsustainable. Fifa needs independent board oversight, transparent financial disclosures and enforceable human rights standards for host nation selection. The beautiful game deserves accountable governance.

Swathi Senthilkumar, Coimbatore

Fairer exams

Ref: *'Ensure neat NEET re-test'* (Jun 16). Why is such an instruction necessary? Is our system failing? NEET has never been neat. Lack of accountability begets complacency and experimentation. It's time to shorten the process and curb malpractices by migrating to a more efficient computer-based test.

Ramesh Kumar Kalra, Lucknow

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BJP may put in place new teams

Nitin Nabin likely to announce his team by June 20-21, followed by a possible cabinet reshuffle

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AMID growing speculation over a major organisational overhaul within the BJP, senior party leaders and representatives of the RSS held a four-hour meeting at Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's residence on Monday evening. The discussions reportedly focused on aspects of the party's organisational restructuring and the formation of a new team under BJP national president Nitin Nabin.

The meeting assumed added significance as organisational changes in several state units, including in Delhi, and the national BJP units are being expected anytime after this meeting. No official details were shared with the media regarding the purpose of the meeting, which was attended by RSS functionary Arun Kumar, Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP national general secretary (organisation) B L Santhosh, among others.

Sources indicated that discussions centred on the proposed composition of Nitin Nabin's new team. "During the four-hour deliberations, the final restructuring of the party's national organisational team under Nitin Nabin was approved," a source said. Formal announcements regarding the



Like in RSS, leaders to be given role for regions

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new appointments and organisational changes are expected later this week.

"Nitin Nabin is likely to announce his new team by June 20-21 June, followed by a possible Union cabinet reshuffle after two years of the NDA 3.0 government," a party insider said. "The new team is expected to have more new and young faces as Nitin Nabin is the youngest national president of the party," a source said, adding that several leaders could be shifted from the organisation to government roles and

vice versa as part of a broader reshuffle.

The new BJP team is also expected to reflect the party's social engineering strategy by accommodating leaders from a wide range of castes and communities. Sources also suggested that the organisational reshuffle could be followed by changes in the Union cabinet.

There is also speculation that experienced party workers and organisational leaders will be given preference in the new set-up. Those chosen to assist Nabin in running the party are ex-

pected to align with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of providing greater opportunities to young leaders and women from all sections of society, sources said.

At the meeting, BJP leaders and RSS representatives discussed assigning members of the party's Parliamentary Board responsibility for specific regions of the country, mirroring the RSS practice of allocating geographical zones to its senior functionaries. However, sources indicated on Tuesday that PM Modi, Shah, and Nitin Nabin—all members of the Parliamentary Board—may be exempted from such regional responsibilities, if the new system is adopted soon. The meeting also reportedly considered expanding the number of national office-bearers across the BJP and its various morchas (front organisations) to 65-70, up from the current strength of 45.

The political situation in poll-bound states, including Punjab, was discussed.

Following its recent electoral success in West Bengal, the party is set to focus more on Punjab. In addition, discussions were held on strengthening the BJP's political position in Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The NEET examination fiasco was also reviewed.

India & Canada to talk on security pact, push for trade deal this year

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA and Canada on Tuesday agreed to launch negotiations on a General Security of Information Agreement (GSOIA) and accelerate efforts to conclude a long-pending Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) this year as the two countries seek to build a broader strategic partnership spanning trade, energy, security and technology. The decisions were announced after Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in Evian, France, where both leaders reviewed progress in bilateral relations and welcomed what they described as a positive momentum in ties.

In a joint press statement, the two sides said they had agreed to launch negotiations on a GSOIA to strengthen defence and security cooperation. Such agreements facilitate secure exchange and protection of classified information between governments, laying groundwork for closer defence ties.

"To further deepen defence and security cooperation, the Prime Ministers agreed to launch negotiations on a General Security of Information Agreement (GSOIA)," the joint statement said. The meeting



also underscored growing economic engagement between the two countries. Modi and Carney expressed satisfaction with the progress made in negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and reaffirmed their objective of concluding the trade pact in 2026.

"Both sides expressed satisfaction with the progress in negotiations towards a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and reaffirmed their shared objective of concluding the negotiations in 2026," the statement said. The renewed push on CEPA comes amid efforts by both countries to diversify supply chains and expand cooperation in critical sectors. The leaders highlighted the complementarities between the Indian and Canadian economies and stressed the importance of re-

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They also reviewed developments in commercial arrangements involving LNG, LPG and metallurgical coal, sectors that have emerged as important pillars of bilateral economic cooperation. The two PMs welcomed the recent increase in high-level engagements, including Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal's visit to Canada, and looked forward to a Canadian trade mission to India later this year led by the Canadian Minister of International Trade. The leaders also discussed cooperation in science and technology, migration, education and innovation. Modi also expressed support for Canada becoming a Dialogue Partner of the Indian Ocean Rim Association.

Speaker says will hear both TMC factions before taking a final call

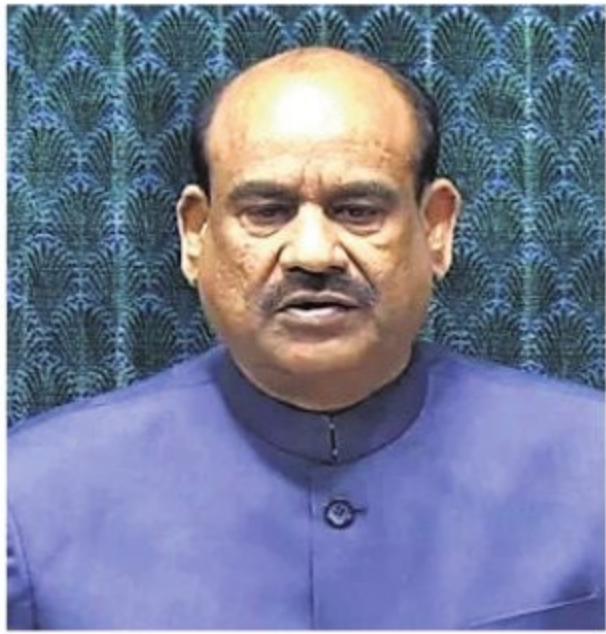
PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

LOK Sabha Speaker Om Birla will hear the rebel MPs of the Trinamool Congress (TMC) as well as the party faction led by Mamata Banerjee before deciding on giving recognition to the breakaway faction, sources have said. The speaker's office has sent an email to the Banerjee-led faction seeking its view, a source added.

On Sunday, the dissident group led by MP Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar met the Speaker and said it had merged with Tripura-based the Nationalist Citizens Party of India. It claimed the support of 20 party MPs.

However, sources in the Mamata faction said that TMC parliamentary party leader Abhishek Banerjee was called for a meeting with Birla on Monday at two hours' notice, while Abhishek was being interrogated by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in Kolkata. The email communication from the Speaker's office directed Abhishek to meet Birla in Delhi by 4 pm on the same day, a party source said.

TMC sources said that the Speaker's office called party



MP Kirti Azad and told him about the email. Following the call, Azad visited the Speaker's office to inform officials of Abhishek's unavailability, saying that he was "currently cooperating with government agencies in an ongoing investigation and was in the middle of an ED interrogation session". Azad sought a later date for the meeting.

Sources say a decision on the rebel MPs' demand for recognition will be taken before the monsoon session of Parliament, which usually commences in the third week of July. It is likely to be based on the written opinion of the Union law ministry.

HC questions selection process of LoP in Bengal

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

THE Calcutta High Court on Tuesday questioned the procedure for selecting the LoP in West Bengal Assembly when faced with two competing proposals from the same political party, the TMC, in this case.

The court also sought to know whether the Speaker can ignore the proposal and recognise someone else other than the LoP Justice Krishna Rao was hearing a petition filed by TMC MLA Sobandeb Chattopadhyay. Justice Rao observed that while the Speaker is expected to act on a resolution submitted by the largest opposition party, disputes arising from rival claims must be addressed.

Speaker's counsel argued that under the Bengal Legislative Assembly Emoluments Act, 1937, the LoP is the member recognised as leader of the party having greatest strength.

NTA warns students against scamsters

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

THE National Testing Agency (NTA) on Tuesday night put out two videos warning parents and students taking up the NEET-UG retest on June 21 not to believe any kind of message that advance questions were available for a price. There is absolutely no leak of the re-exam and anyone saying anything to the contrary is a scamster, it said.

NTA Director General Abhishek Singh put out a video defending the decision to ban Telegram in the interests of 22-lakh plus genuine students. Fraudsters used edited chats and used the platform to sell fake question papers and misled students, he said.

"Channels demanding ₹14,000 to ₹25,000, some even ₹10 lakh, claimed they will send the re-exam paper. They won't. There is no leaked paper for the re-exam. The money is gone the moment you transfer it. Your admit card and WhatsApp number, if you sent them, become the tools they use to scam the next student," Singh said in a broadcast.

"The trick is that on Telegram, whoever runs a channel can edit any old message and change what's inside it, while



Delhi court allows NEET leak accused to take re-test

A Delhi court on Tuesday allowed an accused in the NEET-UG paper leak case to appear for the re-examination scheduled for June 21 while in custody. Vacation Judge Vishal Gogne was hearing the interim bail plea of the accused, Yash Yadav, to appear for the re-exam. He said while the applicant faced grave allegations, his rights as a student can't be defeated by denying him the opportunity to take the exam.

the date on the message stays the same. So a message edited on the 4th can be made to look exactly like it was sent on the 1st," he explained.

NTA also released a video by V Kamakoti, Director IIT. "The same Telegram trick has already been used to fake leaks for JEE Advanced and the IISER aptitude tests. Same playbook. Different exam. Don't fall for it. Stay focused on your preparations," he said in another video



message. Kamakoti also made a live demo of a student sending a pdf file at a specific time. (3.39 pm). A minute later, the message is edited and the file is silently replaced with pdf2. pdf. "The time stamp still reads 3.39 pm. This indicates nothing has been changed. Telegram allows this for upto 48 hours after a message is sent... This is exactly how fake leak videos are made," the Director added.

Exam pressure, student from Raj takes his own life

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Jaipur

AMID preparations for the NEET re-examination this month, another aspirant allegedly died by suicide in Rajasthan's Sikar district. According to police, the 22-year-old student was preparing to make a third attempt in the exam scheduled on June 21 but took his own life on Monday. This is the second instance of a NEET student dying by suicide in the district in the last month.

According to police, the deceased student has been identified as Umesh Mali, a native of Nawalgarh in Jhunjhunu district. Umesh was living in the Udyog Nagar police station area of Sikar with his mother and siblings while preparing.

Udyog Nagar Station House Officer (SHO) Rajesh Kumar Budania stated that the incident occurred at a private residential complex in the area. A suicide note as been recovered and further investigation is underway, police said.

PM-VBRY: Building the workforce for Viksit Bharat '47



OPINION

JYOTI VIJ
Director General, FICCI

INDIA'S ambition to become a developed nation by 2047 is one of the most transformative national projects of our time. The vision of Viksit Bharat extends beyond economic growth, encompassing job creation, productivity enhancement, social inclusion, and improved living standards for all citizens. As the country consolidates its position as one of the world's fastest-growing major economies, the focus is rightly shifting from growth alone to ensuring that growth creates meaningful opportunities for millions of Indians. Employment generation lies at the heart of this aspiration.

Recognising this imperative, the government has placed employment creation and workforce development at the centre

of its policy agenda. The Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY), approved by the Union Cabinet in 2025, represents a significant step. With an outlay of nearly ₹1 lakh crore, the scheme is among the most ambitious employment-generation initiatives undertaken in recent years. By supporting both first-time employees and employers in creating additional jobs, PM-VBRY seeks to strengthen the formal employment ecosystem while contributing to India's long-term development goals.

The design of PM-VBRY reflects a comprehensive approach to employment creation. First-time employees are eligible for an incentive of up to ₹15,000 in two installments, encouraging young workers to enter the formal workforce. The first installment of up to ₹7,500 is released once the employee completes six months in their job, while the second installment is deposited in a savings instrument upon completing twelve months and a financial literacy programme. Employers who create additional jobs can receive incentives of up to ₹3,000 per employee per month, thereby reducing the cost of formal hiring. Recognising the employment po-

tential of labour-intensive industries, the scheme provides enhanced support to the manufacturing sector, with incentives available for four years compared to two years for other sectors.

PM-VBRY is particularly relevant for the Indian industry at a time when businesses are expanding capacities, integrating

long-term sustainability.

The early response to the scheme is encouraging. According to EPFO data, 60 lakh first-time employees have joined the scheme since its launch. The youth dimension is particularly striking: the 18-30 age cohort accounts for around 43.26 lakh workers, or nearly 71% of all first-time enrollees.

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into global value chains and embracing new technologies. The scheme helps strengthen the link between enterprise growth and workforce expansion, ensuring that the benefits of economic progress are more widely shared. Equally important is its role in formalisation: by incentivising formal hiring and expanding social security coverage, PM-VBRY can accelerate India's transition towards a more organised labour market. Formal employment benefits workers through greater security and access to social protection, while enhancing enterprise competitiveness and

Women's participation is equally significant, with 18.04 lakh women entering formal employment for the first time, constituting nearly 30% of first-time employees. These new entrants span a wide range of sectors, including expert services, engineering, trading, construction, education, healthcare, textiles and hospitality. These figures reflect growing industry participation and demonstrate the potential of well-targeted employment incentives to accelerate job creation while expanding formal workforce participation. Particularly notable is the scheme's

emphasis on MSMEs and labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, apparel, footwear, food processing, electronics and engineering industries with the demonstrated capacity to generate employment at scale.

PM-VBRY reflects the government's commitment to partnering with industry in building a more resilient and inclusive labor market. FICCI remains committed to working closely with the Ministry of Labor and Employment and other stakeholders to support initiatives that promote job creation, workforce development and enterprise growth. Sustained collaboration between government and industry will be essential to translating India's demographic potential into productive employment opportunities.

The success of India's development journey towards Viksit Bharat 2047 will ultimately be measured not only by economic growth but by the opportunities we create for our people. PM-VBRY is more than an employment incentive programme—it is an investment in India's human capital and in the workforce that will power the country's transformation into a developed nation.

Views are personal

SC issues notice to Centre, states on Aadhaar being used as citizenship proof

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY

@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday issued notices to the Centre, states and UTs seeking their detailed responses on a PIL alleging that Aadhaar cards issued by UIDAI are being wrongly used as proof of citizenship, domicile and address, and seeking curbs on such usage.

A bench led by Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice V Mohana sought responses from the respondents on a petition filed by BJP leader and advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay. The court ordered the matter to be tagged with other similar pending pleas.

The PIL sought directions to the Centre, states and the Election Commission to ensure Aadhaar is treated only as proof of identity and not as proof of citizenship, domicile, residence or date of birth.

Upadhyay, appearing in person, told the court that government agencies, banks, schools and colleges were routinely ac-



cepting Aadhaar as conclusive proof of citizenship for welfare benefits, admissions and voter rolls. "Under the Aadhaar Act, 2016, Aadhaar establishes identity alone. It confers no right of citizenship," he argued.

The petition said the practice violates the Aadhaar Act and the 2018 KS Puttaswamy judgement of the Constitution Bench, which limited Aadhaar's mandatory use.

It flagged cases where non-citizens allegedly secured Aadhaar and used it to obtain domicile certificates and state benefits. After a brief argument, the bench said, "Issue notice, returnable in eight weeks. Tag with similar petitions." The case will heard in August.

A joint team of the SSB and the Forest Department has arrested three members of a sandalwood smuggling gang at the India-Nepal border in UP's Balrampur, officials said on Tuesday.

4 DROWN

IN PARVATI RIVER IN RAJASTHAN'S BARAN



INDIA	Max	Min
Ahmedabad	41	30
Bhopal	35	25
Jaipur	40	29
Amritsar	38	28
Chennai	36	28
Kolkata	34	27
Srinagar	28	13

Max	Min	Max	Min
Mumbai	32	27	
Panaji	31	25	
Patna	35	27	
Lucknow	38	29	
Port Blair	30	25	
Imphal	28	21	
Chandigarh	37	28	

6 Uddhav MPs may form separate grouping • Mamata moves HC over Bhabanipur defeat • 32 rooms booked for J'khand legislators

Maha 'Op Tiger' likely to take place by Friday

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

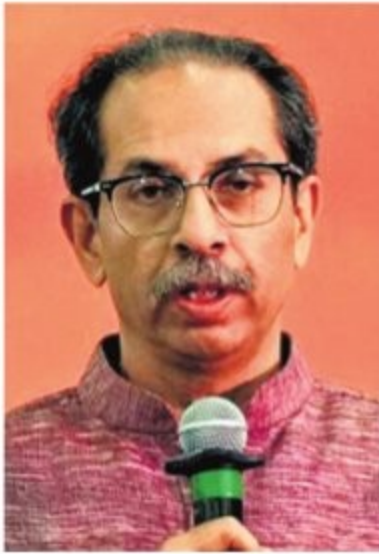
SIX Lok Sabha MPs of Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) are likely to form a separate group and merge with Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena under the Operation Tiger. Sources say that the negotiations have reached the final stage and the merger is likely to be accomplished by Friday.

According to a senior Shiv Sena leader, six MPs from Thackeray's party—mostly those who skipped the meeting he called on Monday—have made up their mind to switch sides and be part of the Shiv Sena in Parliament.

A highly placed source, requesting anonymity, said that since the Shiv Sena (UBT) has nine Lok Sabha MPs, at least six, that is, two-third, MPs need to leave Thackeray together to avoid disqualification in Parliament under the anti-defection law. "Five MPs from the Thackeray party were ready to form the group last week, but the Shiv Sena wanted the number to be six," the source said.

The source added that now it all rests on Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Omprakash Raje Nimbalkar, whose father Pawanraje Nimbalkar was allegedly killed by NCP leader Dr Padmasinh Patil in 2003, but judgment in the case kept getting delayed. On Tuesday, the trial court scheduled the date of judgment for Friday. Nimbalkar has assured, the source said, that once the judgment is delivered, he would offer support to Shinde.

Another Shiv Sena leader said that the six Shiv Sena (UBT) MPs have been in touch with the top leadership of the Shiv Sena for the last one-and-half years, but they were waiting for the right time to switch. A senior BJP leader explained the reason for the delay: "Earlier, it was decided that the turncoat Shiv Sena (UBT) MPs would directly join the BJP. But the BJP leadership turned down that proposal and asked them to join Shinde's party. It delayed the operation."



Civic officials reach Abhishek house for survey

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

TRINAMOL Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee appeared before the CID on Tuesday for interrogation. He is accused of making alleged inflammatory statements during the campaign for the Assembly elections. This was his third appearance before the CID since Thursday.

Banerjee reached the CID office at Bhabani Bhaban in Kolkata around 12 noon and left the spot at around 6.30 pm.

According to CID officials, former CM Mamata Banerjee's nephew was accused of making provocative comments related to the vote-counting process ahead of elections in the second phase of the election on 29 April and post-poll violence. A social activist Rajib Sarkar lodged a complaint in North 24-Parganas on May 5, a day after results were declared. Abhishek earlier faced the CID on Thursday and Sunday in connection with the signature forgery case.

In a related development, officials of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) reached Abhishek's Kalighat Road residence on Tuesday for a survey. They were seen measuring the building, adjoining lane and footpath to verify if mandatory building plans were followed and any portion of footpath had been encroached upon. An official said a report would be submitted to higher authorities.

On Monday, a fresh complaint was filed against Abhishek by one Abhijit Das of Abhishek's parliamentary constituency Diamond Harbour. He submitted the complaint at the Kalitala Ashuti police station in South 24-Parganas district.

Mamata on Tuesday filed an election petition before the Calcutta HC challenging her defeat in Bhabanipur to BJP candidate Suvendu Adhikari with a margin by over 15,000 votes.

TMC also suffered another setback in the Assembly after its MLAs loyal to Mamata were not told to attend the meetings of Business Affairs (BA) Committee and then an all-party meet held ahead of the Budget session.



NDA shifts MLAs to five-star hotel ahead of RS polls

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

AHEAD of the Rajya Sabha elections in Jharkhand, NDA legislators have been shifted to Hotel Radisson Blu in Ranchi, where they are expected to stay till Thursday. Independent Rajya Sabha candidate Parimal Nathwani, who is being backed by the NDA, is also staying there.

Sources say that 32 rooms have been booked to accommodate all legislators. On Thursday, all MLAs and Nathwani will go to the Assembly by buses to cast their votes. According to BJP sources, NDA legislators will also take part in a mock voting at the hotel. Though it is being termed an effort to keep all legislators intact ahead of the polls, LoP in the Assembly Babul Marandi said they have been brought together to chalk out the strategy for the elections. "It is good. We get very few occasions to assemble together at the same place," he said. Lone MLA of the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), Janardan Paswan, termed it a symbol of solidarity.

Meanwhile, former state Congress president Rajesh Thakur asserted that their MLAs were intact and both candidates of the INDIA bloc would win. All MLAs and key leaders of the bloc started gathering at Chief Minister Hemant Soren's residence from Tuesday. They will be briefed on the voting process. Like the NDA, the INDIA bloc will also conduct a mock poll for its MLAs. Notably, a candidate requires 28 first-preference votes to win a Rajya Sabha seat. Based on current numerical strength, the INDIA bloc—comprising JMM, Congress and RJD—appears well-positioned to secure both seats.

The BJP holds 24 votes of its own. Consequently, Nathwani will need at least four additional first-preference votes to secure victory. Nathwani's appeal to MLAs to listen to their "voice of conscience" and references to his long-standing ties with the Soren family are being viewed as a strategy to poach support from the ruling coalition's camp.



JCO among 4 jawans injured in Rajouri blast

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) and three army men were injured in a powerful explosion near the Line of Control in the border district of Rajouri in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday.

Sources said the explosion took place while the army men were on a routine patrol near the Line of Control in Nowshera area of Rajouri district in the afternoon today.

Four army men including a JCO were injured in the blast. The injured soldiers were evacuated to a nearby medical facility. According to sources, the blast was caused by accidental activation of a landmine during the patrol by army men of the forward area of Kalal area of Nowshera sector.

The landmines have been planted as part of an anti-infiltration grid in the areas close to LoC to prevent infiltration of militants and any misadventure from the Pakistani troops.

Meanwhile, a suspected Pakistani drone was sighted over a forward village along the LoC in Sunderbani sector of Rajouri last night, sources said. They said the drone hovered over the area before returning.

3 police complaints seek FIRs against culprits as Ayodhya funds row widens

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE row over allegations of misappropriation of donations at Ram Temple in Ayodhya took a fresh turn on Tuesday when two people and the Karni Sena approached police with complaints seeking registration of FIRs in the case. Continuing its probe, the three-member SIT, headed by Lucknow Divisional Commissioner Vijay Vishwas Pant, questioned Ram Temple Trust functionaries and employees linked to the counting and handling of offerings.

The complainants, including Dharm Sena founder Santosh Dubey and UP Youth Congress vice-president Sharad Shukla, sought legal action against those found responsible for misappropriation of funds. Station house officer (SHO) Ram Janmabhoomi police station Umesh Srivastava confirmed having received the written complaints. He, however, said, "Police will wait for the SIT report before taking a decision on registering an FIR."

Meanwhile, BJP leader and Ram Janmabhoomi movement veteran Vinay Katiyar urged police officers to ensure that



CASH COUNT

- 40 donation boxes inside the temple complex
- Boxes opened in Trust room with CCTVs
- For counting of cash, Trust has authorised SBI
- Nearly 50 staff involved in the entire process

those found guilty were arrested and sent to jail. "If trustees were found to be involved in wrongdoing, it would undermine the purpose of the temple project," Katiyar said.

In his complaint, Santosh Dubey said that if initial inquiry showed signs of wrongdoing, FIRs should be registered against those involved.

Gujarat farm stir collapses as Cong, AAP trade charges

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A farmers' agitation that remained at the centre of Gujarat's political discourse for several months came to an abrupt end on Tuesday, exposing a rift between the Congress and the AAP.

The agitation was at its peak in the noon, with thousands of farmers mounting pressure on the government over long-pending agricultural demands. By evening, the movement disintegrated, leaving participants stunned and forcing many farmers to return home without any concrete outcome.

As political temperatures soared after the collapse, the Kisan Congress accused AAP leaders and workers of sabotaging the movement. Congress leader Lalji Desai alleged that the agitation has been progressing in a disciplined and lawful manner and has succeeded in compelling the government to consider a dialogue with farmer representatives.

"After witnessing the massive participation of farmers, the government had softened its stand and was prepared for talks. The movement was moving in the right direction and there was every possibility that farmers' demands would be addressed. However, AAP workers entered the agitation site and created chaos, ultimately derailing the movement," Desai claimed.



Farmers gather for a tractor march in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The agitation was wound up on Tuesday amid political rift leaving farmers frustrated | EXPRESS

The agitation, launched to secure agricultural rights, became a casualty of political rivalry, leaving farmers frustrated.

sai claimed. "We have repeatedly said that members of the BJP, Bharatiya Kisan Sangh and AAP should stay away from this agitation. Despite that, AAP office-bearers and certain individuals entered the protest venue and spoiled the atmosphere," he said. "Because of AAP's actions, farmers had to face police force. We never wanted a clash with law enforcement. Our intention was to fight democratically and within the framework of the law," he added.

AAP rejected the allegations and launched a counterattack against the Congress.

State spokesperson Yogesh Jadwani termed the Congress "hypocritical" and accused it of misleading farmers for political gain. "After many years, farmers gathered in such large numbers, but the Congress betrayed them. Farmers were told they would march towards Gandhinagar, yet the route was deliberately altered and the agitation was diverted towards a political gathering," Jadwani alleged.

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20 yrs RI for 2 BSF jawans in 2017 Mizoram gang rape, acid attack case

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

A Mizoram court sentenced two Border Security Force (BSF) personnel, convicted in a nine-year-old case of rape and acid attack, to undergo 20 years of rigorous imprisonment.

Additional District and Sessions Judge-I, Aizawl judicial district, Sylvie Zomuanpuui Ralte held the duo—Nilanjan Das and Dinesh Kumar—guilty of offences punishable under different sections of the IPC.

The two convicts were sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for 20 years, 10 years and 12 years under IPC Sections 376D, 376(2)(m) and 326A, respectively, and pay a fine of ₹20,000 for each of them. They will further undergo a simple imprisonment for two months if they fail to pay the fine. All the substantive sentences shall run concurrently. The period of detention, already undergone by the two during investigation and trial, will be set off, the court said in its June 12 judgement.

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JULY 16, 2017

Victim gang-raped by convicts Nilanjan Das and Dinesh Kumar when she had gone to a river in Mizoram's Mamit district to collect crabs

THE CASE



JULY 2017

Victim's examination revealed severe injuries, swollen face

JULY 18, 2017

Victim's brother registers complaint

SEP 5, 2017

Victim identifies Das and Kumar as her rapists in a identification parade

JUNE 12, 2026

Accused awarded rigorous imprisonment of 20 years

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The victim was subsequently examined and found severely injured with her face swollen and eyes affected due to chemical burns, the court said. In her statement, the victim alleged that she was accosted by two men in BSF uniform who raped her before applying a burning substance to her face.

After a medical examination, the doctor opined that the injuries suggested an attempt to disfigure or blind the victim.

'Dry' Bihar cracks down on 127 liquor mafias

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

LIQUOR mafias operating in Bihar will soon feel the heat of the state government's strict action as the excise department, in cooperation with the prohibition and state narcotics control bureaus, has identified 127 liquor traders for the attachment of their ill-gotten property worth several crores.

The bureau has submitted a proposal to the court under section 107 of the BNS to confiscate these mafia members' assets. The government initiated the action to break the backbone of the liquor trade by inflicting financial blows.

Ajay Kumar Pandey, DIG, Prohibition and State Narcotics Control Bureau, said that in 2026, the state police seized an average of over 3.50 lakh litres of liquor per month, nearly 11% higher than the monthly average of 3.14 lakh litres recorded in 2025.

Meanwhile, the narcotics control bureau itself seized an



Six special operations carried out till May '26

To dismantle the networks of liquor smugglers, Bihar Police conducted operations beyond state borders. A total of six special operations were conducted up to May: five in Uttar Pradesh and one in Jharkhand. During the operations, liquor and vehicles worth over ₹5 crore were seized.

average of 1.06 lakh litres of liquor per month in 2026—a 24% increase in comparison to the previous year. By May 2026, the state police had also seized 38,474 litres of spirit, used for making country-made liquor.

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According to the official, 57,000 people have been arrested up to May 2026. Among them are 19,877 liquor traders and 37,027 individuals arrested for consuming alcohol. As many as 569 traders were apprehended within Bihar, while five major liquor smugglers linked to other states have also been arrested.

The state prohibition department said 97% of the liquor seized between April 2016 and May 2026 has already been destroyed. The official records show that a total of 17,18,058 individuals were arrested across the state between April 2016 and March 2026 for violating the state's prohibition law.

In the first five months of the current year alone, 56,904 people were apprehended.

By mid-2025, authorities reported over 6.4 lakh convictions under the law.

Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary has already clarified that prohibition would continue in the state.

Buzz over Gehlot's olive branch to Pilot

Rajasthan's political corridors are abuzz after former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot appeared to draw the curtain on the long-running Gehlot-Pilot rivalry. Declaring that "all disputes will end" after his latest statement, the former CM urged leaders to forget the past and move forward together. Insiders, however, are reading more into the timing of the reconciliation. The biggest talking point came when Gehlot endorsed Sachin Pilot's remark that the former treats him like his son Vaibhav. Political observers now wonder: Is this an honest reconciliation, or just another move in order to gain an upper hand in the Congress equations in Rajasthan?

Will July 4 be Pachpadra Refinery's big day?

The latest chatter, after several false starts, suggests the countdown to Rajasthan's biggest industrial milestone may finally be on. The grapevine is once again buzzing over the long-awaited inauguration of Rajasthan's Pachpadra refinery. After multiple postponements and an unfortunate fire incident in April, whispers suggest that PM Narendra Modi may finally dedicate the project to the nation on July 4. The excitement is not just about the refinery. Insiders say the PM could also inaugurate Jodhpur Airport during the same visit. Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has dropped enough hints to keep the speculation alive.



JAIPUR DIARY

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Poonia's Rajya Sabha promotion fuels gossip

Satish Poonia's Rajya Sabha nomination has set Rajasthan BJP's political grapevine buzzing. The loudest whispers are around seven-term MLA Rajendra Rathore, with many questioning how a veteran leader like Rathore continues to wait while others move ahead. The debate gained momentum after remarks by former MLA Rajendra Gudha, who contrasted Poonia's rapid rise with Rathore's long political journey and framed the issue through the lens of caste. Independent Rajput MLA Ravindra Bhati also targeted the BJP, invoking Rathore's name. While Poonia belongs to the Jat community, Rathore is a Rajput leader.



IN THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE
CASE NO O.A.2610/2024
Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993
STATE BANK OF INDIA APPLICANT
AND : **Sri Ashly Kakkattil Ashraf** DEFENDANT
To: Sri Ashly Kakkattil Ashraf S/o Ashraf Kakkattil Musthafa, Aged about 45 years, R/at Kakkattil House, Ashokapuram PO, Aluva Ernakulam, Kerala 683101.
Also At : 35, Street No 984/Waav Al Nasia Zone, No 47, Qatar, UAE Dubai.
Office at: ARSHI Contracting & Services WLL, Doha Qatar, Ctr No 164773, Dubai, UAE
.....DEFENDANT
SUMMONS ISSUED TO THE DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION.
Whereas the applicant has instituted an original application for the recovery of the loan obtained by you by applicant bank under Section 19 of RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO THE BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993 for a sum **Rs. 1,29,84,732/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Nine Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand and Seven Hundred and Thirty Two Only)** the relief claimed in the application and for other reliefs.
The above named defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **24.06.2026 at 10.30 AM** as why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 24th day of Feb 2026
By Order Of The Tribunal, Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II Bangalore



IN THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE
CASE NO O.A.899/2025
Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993
STATE BANK OF INDIA APPLICANT
AND : **M/s Total Productions Private Ltd.** DEFENDANTS
To: 1. M/s Total Productions Private Limited At no 205, 2nd Floor, Sophias Choice St Marks Road, Bangalore-550001
Represented by its Directs
a) Sri Francis Perry, b) Smt Taniya Perry
2. Sri Francis Perry S/o R Perianayagam
3. Smt Taniya Perry W/o Francis Perry
No 2 and 3, R/at 945, 2nd Cross, 9th Main Behind Cafe Coffee Day HRBR Layout, 1st Block, Bangalore 560043. DEFENDANTS
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Whereas the applicant has instituted an original application for the recovery of the loan obtained by you by applicant bank under Section 19 of RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO THE BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993 for a sum **Rs. 1,03,10,281/- (Rupees One Crore Three Lakhs Ten Thousand and Two Hundred and Eighty One Only)** the relief claimed in the application and for other reliefs.
The above named defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **02.09.2026 at 10.30 AM** as why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 11th day of May 2026
By Order Of The Tribunal, Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II Bangalore



PUBLIC NOTICE
Our clients intend purchasing the Schedule Property from Sri: S. Lal Chand Jain S/o. Sri. S. Suganchand Jain. Any person/s having any claim/s over the Schedule Property or any objection/s for the purchase of the Schedule Property by our clients may lodge his/her/their claim/s and objection/s to the undersigned with documentary proof within 7 days from today, failing which, it will be deemed that there are no claim/s or objection/s and/or claim/s if any, has/have been given up and our clients will proceed with the transaction of purchasing the Schedule Property as being free from any or all claim/s, right/s, encumbrance/s etc.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of immovable property being vacant Site No.672, situated at Gubbala Village, Vajramuni Nagara of Gubbala, Turahalli Layout, II Stage, formed by the Jayanagara Co-operative Housing Society Limited in Sy.Nos.1/1, 1/36, 6/1, 6/2, 7, 9, 50/1 to 50/9, 56 and 63 of Gubbala Village and Sy.Nos.43/1, 44/1, 45/1, 46/1, 46/2 and 47/1 of Turahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the jurisdiction of BBMP limits, Ward No.184 - Uttarahalli, bearing EPID No.6108633778, measuring on the East to West: 60 feet and North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 2,400 square feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above the surface, with all civic amenities thereon and bounded on the: **East by:** Site No.649, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.671, **South by:** Site No.673.
SIDDHARTHA .D.K, Advocate
M/S. DHVANI LAW
No.70, 1st Floor, Srinidhi Apartments', Vanivilas Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560 004. Mob: 9916800411 Date: 16.06.2026



PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that, my clients, **Miss. Rashmi Rao and Mr.Ramnath Rao** children of Sri.Ganesh Rao, residents of No.2826, 12th Main Road, 2nd Stage Rajajinagar, Gayathrinagar, Bengaluru - 560 010, have negotiated and entered into an agreement of sale, intending to purchase the immovable property bearing **Site No.6, EPID No.5358127554**, situated near Carmel School, 9th Cross Road, Doddabidarakallu Ward No.40, measuring **East to West : 30 feet and North to South : 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 sq feet, bounded on the East by: Site No.7, West by : Site No.5, North by : Site No.11, and South by : 25 feet road, from the present Owners Mr.Indudhara Murthy G.S. and his family members.** Therefore, my clients hereby inform that, if any other person or persons or legal entity or authority were to have any sort of claims, objections or official orders or any judicial orders are hereby informed to submit the same to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this publication. If any objections or orders or claims are not received by the undersigned, my clients will be advised to complete the sale transactions with **Mr.Indudhara Murthy G.S. and his family members**, and my clients will not be held responsible for any loss or damage caused to any other third parties due to the aforesaid sale transaction with respect to the site, mentioned above.
R.MAHESH, B.A.L., LL.B., Advocate,
No.513, Flat No.2, Sri Vastu Apartment, Near Sri Sai Mandali and Kaadu Mallikarajuna Swamy Temple, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003. Mob:9845144043



PUBLIC NOTICE
This to inform the general public that my client Smt.SHABANA TAJ, W/o Sri.Mustafa Khan, R/at. Cox town, Fraser Town, Bangalore-05, had entered into registered General Power of attorney dated 21.09.2024 with respect to the Schedule property in favor of Sri. Mohamed Zubair S/o Akbar Pasha, R/at. Ramanagera Town.Due to the non performance of the contract by one Mohamed Mudasi, the General Power of Attorney executed by my client stands cancelled. Therefore, I request the General Public, on behalf of my client, not to enter into any transaction including purchase or purchase agreements with him. Despite of this notice, if any one enters into a transaction with the above persons, my client shall not be liable for any acts and the responsibility for such acts will rest solely with the said persons.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of schedule property bearing site No.17, City Municipal Khatha No.674/39/2, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring 1200 Sq feet. Ward No.23, Kothipura Annankere, Ramanagera Town & Ramanagera District and bounded on the East by: Site Bearing No.16 West by:Site Bearing No.18.North by: Property belongs to others in the same Khatha No.17. South by: Road
RAGHUNADANAM.S ADVOCATE No.4, 8th Main, Mudalagiriappa Enclave, 3rd Floor, Shivnagar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore 10 Mob: 9342683638



PUBLIC NOTICE
This to inform the general public that my client Smt.SHABANA TAJ, W/o Sri.Mustafa Khan, R/at. Cox town, Fraser Town, Bangalore-05, had entered into a registered General Power of attorney dated 05.05.2025 with respect to the schedule property in favor of Sri.Syed Sahid Ahmed S/O Syed Rahmathulla and M.S.Samroo Kouser S/O Syed Sahal Ahmed. Both are R/at. Ramanagera Town. Due to the non performance of the contract by one Mohamed Mudasi, the General Power of Attorney executed by my client stands cancelled. Therefore, I request the General Public, on behalf of my client, not to enter into any transaction including purchase or purchase agreements with them. Despite of this notice, if any one enters into a transaction with the above persons, my client shall not be liable for any acts and the responsibility for such acts will rest solely with the said persons.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of schedule property bearing site No.15, City Municipal Khatha No.674/39/2, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring 1200 Sq feet. Ward No.23, Kothipura Annankere, Ramanagera Town & Ramanagera District and bounded on the East by: Site Bearing No. 14, West by:Site Bearing No. 16. North by: Property belongs to others. South by: Road
RAGHUNADANAM.S ADVOCATE No.4, 8th Main, Mudalagiriappa Enclave, 3rd Floor, Shivnagar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-10 Mob: 9342683638



PUBLIC NOTICE
Our client, **Mr. R.M. PALANIAPPAN**, R/at No.38, 17th Main, Vijayanagar, Bangalore- 560 040, represents that, he had lost the 1. Original sale deed dated 03-12-1977, registered in Book No.1, Vol.No.513, pages 25, as document No.3052/1977-78. at the SRO, Srirampura, Bangalore. 2. Original sale deed dated 31-05-1978, registered in Book No.1, Vol.No. 575, pages 116-117, as document No.762/1978-79, at the SRO, Srirampura, Bangalore.
Notice is hereby given to all the general public that whoever find the above mentioned original documents, may kindly inform/ contact the undersigned within **7 days** of publication of this notice. After the said period, my client will treat the above original documents as lost permanently and will take further steps in accordance with law as he deems fit.
Note: This Publication is given in accordance with the Police Complaint dated 16-06-2026. Lost Report No. 2256982 filed before the Karnataka Police, Bangalore City. ADDRESS: **N.M. BHAT & ASSOCIATES** Advocates
No.64, 71st Cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagara, Bangalore-10. Phone No. 9448129256 Place : Bangalore Date : 16.06.2026



COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT
E-Tender Notice No. EL-GHY-KYO-02-26-27 Dated: 12-06-2026. Works tenders through "E" Tendering system for and on behalf of the president of India are invited for the works as detailed below:-
Name of work: Comprehensive Maintenance contract for RMPUs fitted in SG AC coaches of primary maintenance depot under Guwahati for a period of 02 year. **Tender Value:** ₹1,27,83,022/- **Earnest Money:** ₹2,14,000/- **Date & time of Closing of tender:** At 17.00 hrs. on **03-07-2026.** The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available in the website **www.ireps.gov.in**
Sr. DEE Coaching, Guwahati & Kamakhya, Guwahati
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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Chemm Finance Ltd.
No.19, KCD Complex, 3rd Cross, Mission Road, Bangalore-27. Tel: 22221066, 22221115
GOLD AUCTION NOTICE
The borrowers, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on below mentioned dates. The auction is of the gold ornaments of defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of their loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. For further details please contact the branch manager.
01-07-2026 : **Chamarajnagar** - 119100797, 119101196, 119101297, 119101530, 119101627.
01-07-2026 : **Hubli** - 125100202, 125100237.
02-07-2026 : **Bommanahalli** - 114100091, 114100096, 114100102
02-07-2026 : **Marathahalli** - 118100383
02-07-2026 : **College Road, Doddaballapur:** 108100197, 108100231
Authorised Officer



Karnataka State Marketing Communication and Advertising Limited
(A Govt. of Karnataka Enterprise)
No. 42, MCA House, Millers Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.
No.: KSMCA/F&A/FD/01/2026-27 Date: 16.06.2026
SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through e-procurement)
KSMCA& Ltd. invites tenders through e-Procurement portal as per KPTP Act, 1999 from reputed Commercial Banks to quote competitive rate of Interest for investment of Company's surplus funds in Fixed Deposit. Documents can be accessed from e-Procurement website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for submission of bids: **27.06.2026 up to 5.30 p.m.** Opening of Technical bid: **29.06.2026 at 12.00 Noon.** The management has the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereon.
Sd/- Managing Director

 HDFC BANK AUCTION SALE NOTICE The borrowers concerned and the public at large are hereby informed that a public auction of gold Jewellery / Ornaments pledged as security in the loan accounts listed below is proposed to be conducted. These items were pledged by borrowers who have defaulted in repaying their dues as per the terms of the executed Loan Agreements, despite reminders issued by HDFC Bank Limited ("The Bank") directing them to clear their outstanding amounts. The Bank had earlier issued notices granting the borrowers seven (7) days' time to repay the full outstanding dues in their respective loan accounts. As the borrowers have failed to regularize their accounts, the Bank, in exercise of its rights as pledgee under the Loan Agreement and applicable law, has decided to enforce the pledge and proceed with the sale of the pledged gold jewellery/ornaments by way of public auction to recover the dues. The auction will be conducted at the branch(es) mentioned below from 3:30 p.m. onwards. If, for any reason, the auction of any pledged security cannot be conducted or completed on the scheduled date, the Bank reserves the right to continue or reschedule the auction on any subsequent date and time without further notice.

The auction shall be carried out strictly on an "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", and "WHATEVER THERE IS" basis. The Bank makes no warranty or representation, express or implied, regarding the quality, purity, caratage, weight, or valuation of the pledged gold jewellery/ornaments. Prospective bidders are solely responsible for inspecting and satisfying themselves regarding the condition, purity, caratage, weight, and valuation of the pledged items prior to placing their bids. Inspection will be permitted 45 minutes before the auction, entirely at the bidders' cost, risk, and discretion. By participating in the auction, bidders shall be deemed to have independently inspected the pledged items and to accept all associated risks without any reliance on representations by the Bank. No requests for return, exchange, refund, compensation, or cancellation will be entertained after the sale has been concluded.

All bids shall be subject to a minimum reserve price determined by the Bank in accordance with applicable regulatory norms. The auction value will be based on the lower of: (a) the average closing price of gold for the preceding thirty (30) days, or (b) the closing price of gold published by the India Bullion and Jewellers Association Ltd. (IBJA) on the immediately preceding day. The Bank retains sole discretion to finalise the reserve price and impose any additional conditions as deemed necessary.

Should any borrower repay the entire outstanding dues in accordance with the Loan Agreement before commencement of the auction, the pledged gold jewellery/ornaments for that account may, at the Bank's discretion, be withdrawn from the auction without further notice.

The auction and any resulting sale shall remain subject to any further terms and conditions that the Bank, in its sole and absolute discretion, may impose, amend, or prescribe from time to time.

Please note that the undersigned Authorized Officer of the Bank reserves the right to postpone, adjourn, modify, suspend, or cancel the auction proceedings without prior notice and without assigning any reason. The Authorized Officer also reserves the right to accept or reject any bid(s), in whole or in part, and any such decision shall be final and binding on all participants.

Date : 17.06.2026
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
HDFC BANK LTD.



Mission Road Branch: Retail Recovery, 2nd Floor, IDBI House, #58, Mission Road, Bangalore-560027. Ph: 080-61451233/234/241/246/250/280
Email: recovery.bangalore@idbi.co.in

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Sale Through E-Auction Only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to **IDBI Bank Limited** (Secured Creditor), the Constructive/Symbolic/Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **IDBI Bank Limited** (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is on 17th July 2026 for recovery of amount due to **IDBI Bank Limited** (Secured Creditor) for the below mentioned Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagors.

Date and Time of Auction : 17th July 2026 from 10:30 AM to 1.00 PM
Last date of online submission of Bid: **15th June 2026 before 06:00 PM**
EMD Payment to be made into IDBI A/c No: 00834915010026; IFSC CODE: IBKL0000008 with relevant Bid Documents to reach us on or before : 15th July 2026 before 06:00 PM to IDBI Bank Limited, Retail Recovery, 3rd Floor, No.58, IDBI House, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027.
Minimum Bid increment: **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only).**

(1) Name & Address of the Borrower: Smt R Swathika and Shri Pandirajan, Flat No 102, Elite Apartment, 26 C Cross Balaji Layout, Bangalore 560023.
Demand Notice: 25.11.2025
Possession Notice: 04.03.2026
Outstanding Amount: Rs.38,80,173.00 (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Eighty Thousand One Hundred Seventy Three only) due as on 09/09/2025 + Applicable interest and charges thereon less deposits made further.
Property details: Schedule 'A' Property : All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property bearing Sy No 182, converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN(ASH)SR.44/2019-20 dtd 06.11.2019 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist, situated at Kuguru Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Dist, measuring 4 Acres 28 guntas having Panchayath Katha/Property No 1624/1624, E-Katha PID No 150200102200321473, Measuring 19020.23 SqMtr Vacant land/Site Area bounded on the: East by: Road and Government Land, West by: Property belonging to Sri K V Krishnappa Shetty, North by : Property belonging to Sri K V Krishnappa Shetty and Sri Gulla Reddy, South by: Raja Kaluve (Sy No 46 & 183).
SCHEDULE B PROPERTY: (Description of the Site No's 73 & 84 conveyed to the Purchasers herein) Item No.01: All the piece and parcel of the property the vacant residential property bearing Site No 73, the Layout formed in Schedule A Property, Having Panchayat Katha No./Property No.1784/73, E-Katha PID No 150200102200321473 measuring East to West 40 ft North to South 30 ft in all measuring 1200 Sq. Ft and bounded on the East by 30 ft road, West by Site no: 84, North by Site No: 74, South by Site No 72.
Item No.02: All the piece and parcel of the property the vacant residential property bearing Site No 84, the Layout formed in Schedule A Property, Having Panchayat Katha No./Property No.1795/84, E-Katha PID No 150200102200321473 measuring East to West 40 ft North to South 30 ft in all measuring 1200 Sq. Ft and bounded on the East by: Site No 73, West by: 30 ft Road, North by : Site No.83, South by: Site No.85.

Reserve Price: Rs.87,30,000/-
EMD: Rs.8,73,000/-

(2) Name & Address of the Borrower: Shri. Sugumar V and Shri. Lokesh, No. 116, 2nd Phase Venus County Layout, Hargadde Village, Bangalore - 560105
Demand Notice: 24.12.2025
Possession Notice: 04.03.2026
Outstanding Amount: Rs.30,42,876.00 (Rupees Thirty Lakh Fourty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Six Only) as on 08/11/2025 + Applicable interest and charges thereon less deposits made further.
SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the vacant Property bearing Site No.30, Katha No.108/30, E-Katha No.150200102800920206, in the layout called "VENUS COUNTY PHASE-II", formed in Sy.No. 174/1 86 173/3, Situated at Haragadde Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, including other Sy.Nos.170/1, 171/1, 171/2, 173/2, 173/3, 174/1, 175/1, 176/1, 184/3, 184/4, 185, 188, 189/1 and 189/2 in all measuring : 9 acres 39.12 guntas, entire layout plan has been approved by the Anekal Planning Authority, vide No.APA/LAO/ 132/2012-13, dated:21-1-2013. Measuring : East to West : 50 feet (15.24 Meters), North to South : 30 feet(9.14 Meters), Totally measuring : 1500 Sq. feetAnd bounded on : EAST BY : 30 Feet Road; WEST BY : Site No. 13; SOUTH BY : 30 Feet Road; NORTH BY: Site No. 29
Reserve Price: Rs.58,20,000/-
EMD: Rs.5,82,000/-

(3) Name & Address of the Borrower: Shri Deepak Narendra Bathija and Shri M Sekhar No 1298, 7th Cross, 2nd Main MCECHS Layout phase 1, Shivaram Kanth Nagar, Bangalore 560077.
Demand Notice: 30.12.2024
Possession Notice: 21.03.2026
Outstanding Amount: Rs.93,23,839.49/- (Rupees Ninety Three Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Nine and Paise Forty Nine Only) as on 09-11-2024 + Applicable interest and thereon plus incidental Expenses, Charges and costs (less further payments, if any).
Property Details: All that piece and parcel of Converted land bearing Sy No 30/1 present BBMP Katha No 1574/1/30/1, converted for Non Agriculture, Residential purpose vide conversion order No ALN (NAY) SR 149/2008-2009, Dated 04/07/2009 issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli previously Bangalore North Taluk, Presently Yelahanka Taluk now comes under BBMP limits, totally measuring 15051 sq ft and bounded on the East by 30 Feet Road and there afterwards by G Krishnappa's property, West by Property of Parvathamma, North by Property of G Krishnappa and South by Property of Devaraj.
Schedule B Property: A proportionate 705 Sq Ft undivided share right, title and interest in the land area covered by the Schedule A property.
Schedule C Property: A 3 bedroom residential flat bearing no 401, Type 5

LPG availability may not ease soon, warns govt official

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

DESPITE a ceasefire being announced between the US and Iran with the assurance of reopening Strait of Hormuz soon, the uncertainty over the availability of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) is likely to continue for India, warned government official.

While the prices of crude oil is likely to come down, the availability of gas will still remain a challenge as there is still no clarity regarding the extent of damage caused in the

production cites of the gas in the Gulf countries, said the official. Thus, there is a fear that the price of LPG might not come down soon like oil.

"The prices of oil will come down but there is no certainty over the availability of gas. There is no clarity on what has been the extent of damage for the production sites, especially in Qatar. Thus, the pricing will also remain elevated," said the source.

Since the announcement of ceasefire on Monday, crude oil prices have fallen around 9%

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Government official

with Brent trading around \$80 a barrel.

Since the conflict began on February 28, the prices of domestic cooking gas have been raised by ₹89 – by ₹60 in early March per cylinder and by ₹29 in June. Domestic LPG cylinders now cost ₹942 per in Delhi.



Commercial LPG cylinders now costs nearly ₹3,100 per cylinder, up from ₹1,884 in March 2026. Additionally, the government has also restricted the

supply of LPG for commercial purposes.

While India diversified the source of importing LPG during the West Asia crisis, with

cargoes being secured from the US, Norway, Canada, Algeria, and Russia, the prices remain elevated. The US emerged as India's largest supplier of LPG right after the crisis. The US which accounted for nearly 14% of the LPG supply for India in February, later became the major supplier accounting for 55% of the country's imports in May 2026.

India was previously importing nearly 60% of its LPG requirements from Gulf countries such as Qatar, UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Puri had mentioned.

Raw material cost increases 18% in Q4 for mfg companies

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

RAW material expenses of listed manufacturing companies surged 18.3% year-on-year in the January-March quarter of FY26, highlighting growing input cost pressures amid global uncertainties. The raw material-to-sales ratio rose to 58.5% in Q4FY26 from 57.5% in the preceding quarter, signalling that a larger share of revenues was being absorbed by input costs, as per Reserve Bank (RBI) data released on Tuesday.

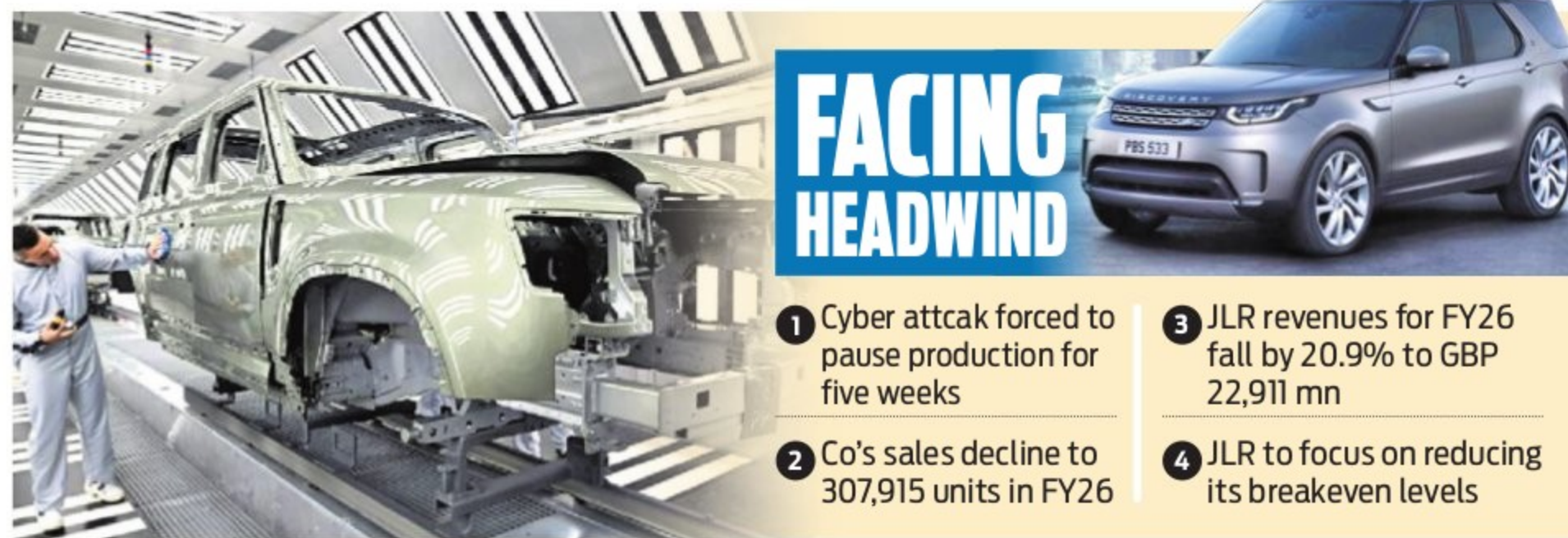
The increase in input costs came despite a strong improvement in sales. Aggregate sales growth of 3,266 listed private non-financial companies accelerated to 13.9% year-on-year in Q4 FY26 from 10.1% in the previous quarter, while manufacturing companies recorded sales growth of 14.5%, driven by automobiles, electrical machinery and non-ferrous metals.

However, rising raw material expenses weighed on profitability. Operating profit growth of manufacturing companies moderated to 9.4% in Q4 FY26 from 11.8% in the previous quarter as companies faced a significant increase in input costs.

Employee costs showed a mixed trend across sectors. Staff cost growth in manufacturing moderated to 9.8% year-on-year, while non-IT services companies saw staff expenses rise at a faster pace of 8.9%. Staff cost-to-sales ratios for manufacturing and non-IT services firms eased to 5.3% and 9.4%, respectively.

Eyeing industry-leading growth: Tata Motors

Robust pipeline of new launches to support co's growth in FY27



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- 1 Cyber attack forced to pause production for five weeks
- 2 Co's sales decline to 307,915 units in FY26

- 3 JLR revenues for FY26 fall by 20.9% to GBP 22,911 mn
- 4 JLR to focus on reducing its breakeven levels

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

FINANCIAL year 2025-26 was a challenging year for Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), shaped by a confluence of internal and external disruptions, said Tata Motors Passenger Vehicle (TMPV) chairman N Chandrasekaran in his address to shareholders in the company's annual report released on Tuesday. JLR, the British luxury auto brand and subsidiary of TMPV, was hit by the introduction of incremental US tariffs, which impacted exports from the UK to the EU and the US.

Additionally, a cyber incident forced the company to pause production for five weeks. Owing to these headwinds, JLR sales fell from 400,898 units in FY25 to 307,915 units in FY26.

Chandrasekaran said these challenges reinforce the importance of resilience across strategy, vehicle architecture and powertrain choices, while needing to remain committed

to technology investment. JLR's revenues for the year fell by 20.9% to GBP 22,911 million.

Chandrasekaran said that TMPV is entering FY27 with confidence, supported by a robust pipeline of new launches and multi-powertrain offerings. "Our focus will remain on delivering industry-leading growth, deepening our commitment to safety, sustainability, quality and customer delight, while becoming resilient and staying agile amid macroeconomic and geopolitical uncertainties," he said in his shareholder letter.

He added that JLR will additionally focus on reducing its breakeven levels, which have been impacted by tariffs, currency and commodities inflation, back to 300K units in the next 2 years whilst remaining focused on delivering exceptional launches of its New Range Rover Electric, Jaguar Type 01 and continuing to build its Modern Luxury franchise.

He said TMPV and JLR will continue to collaborate on manufacturing, technology and people, enhancing scale efficiencies, accelerating learning and reinforcing capital discipline.

"Early progress is evident with the commencement of operations at the new Panapakam facility in Tamil Nadu, creating a shared manufacturing facility for best practice execution and scale benefits."

Commenting on the India PV business, the chairman said that the company delivered a strong operating and financial performance in fiscal 2026.

"We delivered the highest-ever sales of 6.42 lakh cars and SUVs during the year, achieving robust year-on-year growth of 15.3%, nearly twice the industry average. In the second half of the fiscal year, your Company emerged as the second largest player in the industry, with a market share of 14.1%, reflecting the growing scale, competitiveness and effectiveness of our multi-powertrain strategy," he said.

CHANGE OF GUARD

Menon steps down as BigBasket CEO, Amit Nanda takes charge

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

BIGBASKET co-founder Hari Menon has stepped down as chief executive officer of the online grocery platform, the company announced on June 16, ending a nearly 15-year stint at the helm.

Tata Digital-backed BigBasket has appointed Amit Nanda, formerly director of seller partner services at Amazon India, as the new CEO. Menon will continue to serve on the company's board along with co-founder Vipul Parekh.

"Having built BigBasket from its inception to its current position as one of India's most trusted consumer platforms, I am delighted to welcome Amit as CEO. His deep understanding of consumers, strong track record of building and scaling businesses, and extensive experience across e-commerce and consumer sectors make him uniquely positioned to lead BigBasket for its journey ahead," Menon said.

Nanda spent more than 11 years at Amazon India and previously worked at Citi and Hindustan Unilever. He will lead the company's next phase of growth, with a focus on strengthening its quick commerce business and driving innovation.

"I am incredibly excited to join BigBasket and build upon the phenomenal trust it has established with millions of consumers



across India. Combining BigBasket's customer-first values with the trusted legacy of the Tata Group creates a strong foundation for the future," Nanda said.

Founded in 2011, BigBasket initially focused on scheduled deliveries and was slow to adopt quick commerce because of concerns over its economics. However, growing competition from Blinkit, Swiggy Instamart and Zepto led the company to fully pivot to quick commerce in August 2024. As per Tata Sons' FY25 annual report, BigBasket's B2C unit, Innovative Retail Concepts, reported a 3% fall in turnover to ₹7,673 crore, while its B2B unit, Supermarket Grocery Supplies, recorded a 7% fall to ₹2,227 crore. Losses at Innovative Retail Concepts widened to ₹1,851 crore in FY25 from ₹1,267 crore a year earlier.



(L-R) Hari Menon and Amit Nanda

Sensex gains 3K points in three sessions as Iran-US tensions ease

Investor
wealth up
by ₹20L cr

The Investors' wealth increased by nearly ₹20 lakh crore as the market cap of all BSE-listed firms has grown from ₹451.83 lakh crore to 471.68 lakh crore. Nifty 50 gained 135.25 points or 0.57% to settle at 23,989 on Tuesday, while the Sensex advanced 544.15 points or 0.71% to close at 76,808

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

COUNTRY'S equity market advanced for the third straight session on Tuesday as easing geopolitical tensions and declining crude oil prices after the US-Iran peace deal boosted investor sentiment and triggered a global rally. The BSE Sensex has gained nearly 3,000 points in the past three sessions, while the NSE counterpart Nifty50 is up nearly 830 points.

The rally, which is seen across the midcap and smallcap pockets, has lifted investors' wealth by nearly ₹20 lakh crore as the market capitalisation of all BSE-listed firms has grown from ₹451.83 lakh crore to 471.68 lakh crore.

With crude oil prices falling another 3% to \$80.81 per barrel, the Nifty 50 gained 135.25 points or 0.57% to settle at 23,989 on Tuesday, while the Sensex advanced 544.15 points or 0.71% to close at 76,808. Meanwhile, the rupee also extended its gains for a third consecutive session, strengthening by around 0.15%, or 11 paise, to trade near 94.55 against the US dollar, supported by continued optimism over the ongoing US-Iran peace negotiations.

Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst - Commodity and Currency, LKP Securities, said that market sentiment improved further after positive statements from Iranian officials, while participants now await the next round of discussions scheduled for 19 June, which could prove crucial in determining the longer-term outlook for energy markets and global risk sentiment. Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments, said domestic equity markets continued their recovery momentum, buoyed by growing optimism around a de-escalation in US-Iran tensions and softening crude oil prices.



India witnesses biggest increase in AI talent share

PADMINI DHURVARAJ @ Bengaluru

INDIA recorded the largest rise in global AI talent share in 2025 and joined the world's top three destinations for AI professionals, as per a study by Boston Consulting Group (BCG).

The country joined the US and the UK among the world's top three destinations for globally mobile AI talent in 2025.

India accounted for about 6% of globally mobile AI talent and also ranked among the top three destinations for STEM



professionals, with a share of around 7%. The country added 1.3 percentage points to its AI talent share during the year, the biggest increase among ma-

jor destinations.

The findings were published in the BCG Top Talent Tracker Q2, 2026, which analysed mobility data covering 221 million

highly skilled professionals with at least a bachelor's degree across 200 destinations through the end of 2025.

India gained share across all four categories tracked by the study. Its share of highly-skilled talent rose by 0.2 percentage points, while STEM talent increased by 0.7 percentage points and research talent by 0.3 percentage points. The report said India was among a small number of major destinations that strengthened their position across every category.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

‘AI OFFERINGS TO OFFSET STRESS ON TRADITIONAL IT BUSINESS’

PADMINI DHURVARAJ @ Bengaluru

HEXAWARE Technologies is seeing artificial intelligence reduce revenue from parts of its traditional IT services business, although the company expects new AI-led offerings to offset the pressure, Chief Financial Officer Vikash Kumar Jain told TNIE.

Jain was talking on the sidelines of inauguration of a delivery centre at Gift City. It plans to employ 1,000 people in next three years, from existing 250.

"The clients are paying less because whatever

was the effort required earlier from a Q1 perspective is deflated as you can do more by use of technologies and tools," he said when asked whether AI had started to cannibalise revenue from traditional IT spending. He said the extent of the impact varies depending on type of project and service line.

"If it's a project which is starting from base zero then the productivity is significantly higher against an existing project," he said. Jain added that AI-driven productivity gains are higher in software develop-

ment and testing work, while demand for data-related projects is increasing as firms prepare systems for AI adoption. The economics of IT services are changing as AI reduces the effort needed to deliver existing projects, he said, adding that the company now views its revenue equation as a combination of existing work and new sources of growth enabled by AI.

The newer offerings, including agentic AI, vibe coding, legacy modernisation and zero-license solutions, are creating revenue opportunities that were not available during earlier technology cycles, he said.



Air India unveils 'basic' fare on domestic routes

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a widely anticipated move, Tata Group-owned Air India on Tuesday introduced a new 'Basic' fare category for Economy Class passengers on select domestic routes. While the 'Basic' fare category includes a 15 kg checked baggage allowance, 7 kg cabin baggage allowance, and complimentary beverage service (tea/coffee), the complimentary meals are excluded.

Air India said that the Basic fare, currently trialled on select domestic routes, is entirely optional, and travellers continue to have the choice of booking across Air India's existing fare families - Value, Classic, and Flex - each of



which includes complimentary meals and a range of bundled benefits at progressively higher price points. The introduction of Basic fare simply adds another layer of choice, particularly for price-conscious travellers who prefer a more unbundled offering, added the full-service carrier.

It was widely reported that to cut costs amid surging losses, Air India will axe the complimentary meal service and make it optional.

NMDC Limited
(A Government of India Enterprise)
'Khanij Bhavan', 10-3-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad - 500028.
Telephone : 0091-40-23538713 to 23538721 Ext : 229 / 138, 23538710
Email : kvbhaskar@nmdc.co.in, kvprakash@nmdc.co.in

Global Tender Notice (E-Procurement Method Only)
Tender No. NMDC/HO/MM/PURCH/PP/2026/3 Dtd. 16-06-2026
(MSTC Ref no : NMDC/Head Office/Material Management/6/26-27/ET/167)
E-tenders are invited for following items from reputed manufacturers directly or through their dealers / accredited agents through MSTC portal website
https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eproc/home/nmdbcuyer_login.jsp.

Description	Qty (No)	Pre-bid meeting date	Display & Sale of Tender Documents Period	Last date & Time for submission of offer
Supply, Supervision of Erection & Commissioning with 12 years / 32,000 Hours (whichever will be earlier) of Cost Cap of 05 Nos. of Hydraulically Operated Wheel mounted Front End Loaders of 8-9 cubic meter derated bucket capacity for Bacheli (03 Nos.) & Kirandul (02 Nos.) Complexes.	05	23-06-2026	FINAL 07-07-2026 to 28-07-2026	28-07-2026 By 02.30 PM (IST)

Prospective bidders may visit our websites : www.nmdc.co.in ; CPP Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in> ; <https://mstcecommerce.com> and may download the tender documents. Any corrigendum to the above tender notice will be uploaded on our website and MSTC e-portal only.

CGM (Materials)

ಕೆನರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

ARM-1 Branch,
2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower,
M.G. Road Bengaluru-560001
Ph:080-25310066, E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 04.07.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.30 AM), for recovery of Rs. 9,49,67,000.86 as on 15.06.2026 with further interest and cost thereon due to the ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) Mr Y R Venugopul, # 32, 2nd B Cross, Dassappa Graden Road, Maruthinagar, Shettihalli, Tumkur-572101. (2) Mr. Rangashamaiah, S/o Sanjeevaiah, # 32, 2nd B Cross, Dassappa Garden Road, Maruthinagar, Shettihalli, Tumkur-572101.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (<https://baanknet.com/>) portal directly or by generating the Challan through to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before 03.07.2026 - 5.00 pm.

(₹.In Lakhs)				
Lot	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value
1	Industrial Converted Land having Sy.No.42/2 old Sy.No.9/B Block, measuring 2 acres situated at Pandihannahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Tumkur-572140 and bounded on: East: Land in Sy.No.42/1 belongs to KV Nagesh and others, West: Devarayapatna Gadi and Other Land, North: Other Land, South: Road. Coordinates of the property Latitude-13.33904, Longitude77.14659	₹. 85.50	₹. 8.55	₹. 1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (<https://baanknet.com/>) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.08025310066, 7022044933 and 9039609346 during office hours on any working day.

Date : 16.06.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Karnataka Bank Ltd.
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Asset Recovery Management Branch,
1st Floor, FKCCI Building,
Kempge Gowda Road,
Bengaluru-560009

Phone : 080-22955928 (Gen)/22955929 (AGM)
E-Mail : blr.arm@ktkbank.com
Website : www.karnatakabank.bank.in
CIN : L85110KA1924PLC001128

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)
Whereas, the Authorised Officer of KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued the Demand Notices, details of which are mentioned hereunder, calling upon the borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/co-obligants mentioned therein to repay the total amount mentioned in the demand notice along with future interest within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

1. Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants:- (1) Mr. Vijay Kumar R, S/o Mr.Ramaiah (2) Mrs.Jyothsna Viji R, W/o Vijay Kumar R, Both Residing at No.184/19, Vijayalakshmi Krupa, 4th Cross, RMV 2nd Stage, Jalahgeramma Temple Road, Lotteggollahalli, Bangalore-560094.

Branch Name: Bengaluru - Vidyanarayapura **Date of Demand Notice:** 27.03.2026
Amount Demanded: Rs.18,29,683.81 [Rupees Eighteen Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Three and Paise Eighty One Only] i.e Rs. 15,79,170.37 under TL A/c No. 1237001600005601 along with future interest from 14.03.2026 and Rs. 2,50,513.44 under TL A/c No. 1237001600005901 along with future interest from 14.03.2026 Plus Cost.

Date of taking Possession: 15.06.2026

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs. 18,83,644.81 [Rupees Eighteen Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Six Hundred Forty Four and Paise Eighty One Only] i.e Rs. 16,25,509.37 under TL A/c No. 1237001600005601 along with future interest from 14.06.2026 and Rs.2,58,135.44 under TL A/c No. 1237001600005901 along with future interest from 14.06.2026 Plus Cost.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that Part and parcel of Site bearing No.15, measuring 1,845 Sq.ft, together with building constructed thereon situated at 4th Cross, RMV 2nd Stage, Jalahgeramma Temple Road, Lotteggollahalli Bangalore belonging to Mr. Vijay Kumar R. **Boundaries of property as per Document & Actual:** East by : 20 Feet Road, West by : Site No.14, North by: 20 Feet Road, South by: Previously 25 Feet Road, presently property belonging to others.

2. Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants:- (1) M/s. Sreenivasa Enterprises Represented by its Partners: (a) Mr. Ravishankar K R (b) Mrs. Anitha Ravishankar Addresses at: No.40, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore-560027, Also addressed at: No.824, 24th Main, Sarakki Extension, J P Nagar 6th Phase Bangalore-560078 (2) Mr. Ravishankar K R S/o Mr.Rudregowda K C (3) Mrs. Anitha Ravishankar W/o Ravishankar K R Both (2) and (3) are Addressed at: No.824,24th Main, Sarakki Extension, J P Nagar 6th Phase Bangalore-560078.

Branch Name: Bengaluru - Minerva Circle **Date of Demand Notice:** 26.11.2025
Amount Demanded: Rs.77,68,431.76 [Rupees Seven Core Seventy Eight Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty One and Paise Seventy Six Only] i.e Rs. 1,89,12,925.42 Under PSTL A/c No. 0627001800036301 along with future interest from 14.11.2025, Rs. 38,71,364.32 Under PSTL A/c No.0627001800036401 along with future interest from 14.11.2025, Rs.2,24,45,714.38 Under PSTL A/c No. 0627001800036501 along with future interest from 29.10.2026, Rs. 11,01,982.30 Under PSTL A/c No. 0627001800038501 along with future interest from 11.11.2025, Rs. 1,54,44,501.81 Under PSTL A/c No. 0627001800041701 along with future interest from 04.11.2025 and Rs. 1,60,86,943.53 Under PSTL A/c No. 0627001800041801 along with future interest from 04.11.2025 Plus Costs.

Date of taking Possession: 15.06.2026

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.8,50,88,262.76 [Rupees Eight Core Fifty Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Two and Paise Seventy Six Only] i.e Rs. 2,06,74,103.42 Under PSTL A/c No. 0627001800036301 along with future interest from 14.06.2026, Rs.42,31,336.32 Under PSTL A/c No.0627001800036401 along with future interest from 14.06.2026, Rs.2,45,35,396.38 Under PSTL A/c No. 0627001800036501 along with future interest from 29.05.2026, Rs. 11,80,856.30 Under PSTL A/c No. 0627001800038501 along with future interest from 11.06.2026, Rs. 1,68,82,141.81 Under PSTL A/c No. 0627001800041701 along with future interest from 04.06.2026 and Rs. 1,75,84,428.53 Under PSTL A/c No. 0627001800041801 along with future interest from 04.06.2025 Plus Costs.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of 1 Acre 4 Guntas of Vacant Converted Land bearing Sy.No.15/3 of Pillaganahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (Converted by the Dy.Commissioner, Bangalore District as per order bearing No.B.DIS.ALN.SR (S) 358/2002-03 dated 24.02.2003), BBMP Kata No. 460/15/3 and PID No. 194-W0691-1/1, belonging to Mrs. Anitha Ravishankar. **Boundaries of Property as per Document:** East by : Property belongs to Mrs. Thirumala, West by : 80 Feet Road, South by : 30 Feet Road, North by : Remaining Portion of the same property sold to Mrs. Ranitha.

The borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/ co-obligants having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/ co-obligants and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties, as described herein above, in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on 15.06.2026.

The borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/ co-obligants in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned herein above and any dealings with the said properties will be subject to the charge of Karnataka Bank Ltd., for amounts as described herein above.

[The attention of the borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 15.06.2026

Sd/- Asst. General Manager & Authorised Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

1) Keshava Murthy L, S/o Loknath M, Aged 45 years, 2) Kushala B K, W/o Keshava Murthy L, aged 37 years, both are at No.8, Gammama Nilaya, Siddappa Layout, Gubbabala, Bengaluru-61, represents that they are the absolute owners of property No.52, converted Sy.No.29/2, Kanushmari No.161, SI. No.423, BBMP Kata No.5/337/36/161/52, E Aasthi / EPID No.7507670546, situated at Pal Layout, Konanakunte Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South: Towards East 52, Towards West 54 feet, totally measuring 1590 sq.ft.. Bounded on East by:Site No.51, West by:Site Nos.53 & 54, North by:Site No.26 & South by:Road, the owners have agreed to sell the above said property. My client is intending to purchase the said property. Any person having any objections for the sale of the above said property or such other claim over it, the same may be lodged in writing with supporting documents at the following address within FIFTEEN DAYS from the date of publication of this Notice. If no objections or claims are received within the time stipulated above it shall be deemed that there are no objections for the sale of the same and purchasing said property by my client is free from all encumbrances.

P. Reddy Nagendra Kumar
Advocate, No.645/13A, BM Road,
V V Puram, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-04.

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ಬೆಂಚರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕ.ರಾ.ಅ.ಕೈ.ನಿ.ನಿ., ಬೆಂಚರ್‌ಯಾರ್ಡ್ ಘಟಕಕ್ಕೆ ಟ್ರೇಡಿಂಗ್ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಬೀಟಿ ಮರದ ಖರೀದಿ-ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು, ಬಿಂಬಿಡಿಸಲು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯವರಿಂದ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಲು ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಬೆಂಚರ್ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ) ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಬೆಂಚರ್ ಸಮಾನನಿಯಮಕ್ಕೆ <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಸರಬರಾಜು ಬೆಂಚರ್ ಮಾರಾಜಿ ಕುರಿತು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ದಿನ ವಾರಾಂಕ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಸಮಾನನಿಯಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೀಟಿ ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು.

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BANK OF BARODA
CHANNAPATNA BRANCH
2240A, 1st Cross, Kuvempunagara, Channapatana,
Rannagara Dist, Karnataka-562 160 Ph: 09790294594
Email Id: Vjchpt@BankofBaroda.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) [See rule 8(1)]
Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 10.12.2025 calling upon the borrower : Mr. Pradeepa Govisiddaiah S/o. Govisiddaiah to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 11,10,940.08/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty and paise Eight Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this 10th day of June of the year 2026.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of Rs. 11,10,940.08/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty and paise Eight Only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property
Document No. and Date : 7252/22-23, Katha No. 152900102401520716, Extent area East to West : 12.192 meter and North to South : 9.144, Situated at : Appage village, Rumpura Grama Panchayathi, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Rannagara District, bounded by : North by : Property of 99/3, Site No. 20, South by : Property of 99/4, Site No. 21, East by : Property of 99/4, Site No. 19, West by : Property bearing Sy. No. : 30 and 32,

Date: 10.06.2026
Place: Channapatna

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer

ಕೆನರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

ARM Branch—II, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001. Telephone : 080-25310099, 080-25310181
E-mail: cb298@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

Ref: ARMI/MG/919/DN/2026/1 Date: 16.06.2026

TO BORROWER/S
1. Mrs Bhagya Lakshmi
W/o B Suresh # 1765, Kalyanannagara T Dasarahalli, 17th B Cross Behind Maruthi Bar Bangalore 560057
2. Sri. B Suresh
1765, Kalyanannagara T Dasarahalli, 17th B Cross Behind Maruthi Bar Bangalore 560057
Dear Sir,
Sub: Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank Specialised ARM II branch (hereinafter referred to as the "secured creditor"), appointed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred as the "Act") do hereby issue this notice to you as under:
That Mrs Bhagya Lakshmi, W/o B Suresh, # 1765, Kalyanannagara, T Dasarahalli, 17th B Cross, Behind Maruthi Bar, Bangalore 560057 and Sri B Suresh # 1765, Kalyanannagara, T Dasarahalli, 17th B Cross, Behind Maruthi Bar, Bangalore 560057 (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") and Sri. B Suresh No. 1765, Kalyanannagara T Dasarahalli, 17th B Cross, Behind Maruthi Bar, Bangalore 560057 (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower 2") has availed credit facility/facilities stated in the Schedule A hereunder and have entered into the security agreement in favour of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above-mentioned agreements. Borrower for credit facilities (Fund based / Non Fund Based) up to the limit of Rs. 53,98,395.82 (Rupees Fifty-Three Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand and Three Hundred and Ninety Five and Eighty Two Paise Only) as on 15.06.2026 with interest thereon.

Ymt Smt. Bhagya Lakshmi and Sri B Suresh, # 1765, Kalyanannagara, T Dasarahalli, 17th B Cross, Behind Maruthi Bar, Bangalore 560057 are also entered into agreements against the secured assets which are detailed in Schedule B hereunder.
However, from August 2025 the operation and conduct of the said financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular. The books of account maintained by the secured assets shows that the liability of the Borrower towards the secured creditor as Rs. 53,98,395.82 (Rupees Fifty-Three Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand and Three Hundred and Ninety Five and Eighty Two Paise Only) as on 15.06.2026 + further interest and charges thereon, the details of which together with future interest rate are stated in Schedule C hereunder. It is further stated that the Borrower/Guarantor having failed to keep up with the terms of the above said agreement in clearing the dues of the secured creditor within the time given, and have been evasive in settling the dues. The operation and conduct of the above said financial assistance / credit facilities having come to a standstill and as a consequence of the default committed in repayment of principal debt/ instalment and interest thereon, the secured creditor was constrained to classify the debt as Non-Performing Asset (NPA) as on 26.11.2025 in accordance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India. The secured creditor through this notice brings to your attention that the Borrower has failed and neglected to repay the said dues/outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in Schedule C hereunder to the secured creditor within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice. Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate of mentioned in schedule C together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the secured creditor in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the secured creditor the aforesaid sum of Rs. 53,98,395.82 (Rupees Fifty-Three Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand and Three Hundred and Ninety Five and Eighty Two Paise Only) as on 15.06.2026, together with further interest (as stated in schedule C) and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, the secured creditor will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13, the extract of which is given here below to convey the seriousness of this issue:

13(4): In case the Borrower/Guarantor fails to discharge liability in full within the period specified in sub-section (2), the secured creditor may take recourse to one or more of the following measures to recover his secured debt, namely:

(a) Take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower/Guarantor including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset;

(b) Take over the management of the business of the Borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset;

Provided that the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale shall be exercised only where the substantial part of the business of the Borrower is held as security for the debt; Provided further that where the management of whole of the business or part of the business is severable, the secured creditor shall take over the management of such business of the borrower which is related to the security for the debt and under other applicable provisions of the said Act. Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

You are also put on notice that in terms of Section 13(13) the Borrower/Guarantor shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule B hereunder without obtaining written consent of the secured creditor. It is further brought to your notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence and if for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased out in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realized shall be deposited with the secured creditor. In this regard you shall have to render proper accounts of such realization / income. This notice of Demand is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which the secured creditor may have including further demands for the sums found due and payable by you.

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the Act and/or any other law in force.

Please comply with the demand under this notice and avoid all unpleasantness. In case of Non-compliance, further needful action will be resorted to, holding you liable for all costs and consequence.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- AUTHORIZED OFFICER

SCHEDULE - A
[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Sl No	Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of sanction	Amount (Rs.)
1	2698887000001	LOAN FOR RURAL GDDOWN	22.02.2016	Rs.64,75,000/-

SCHEDULE - B
[Details of the assets mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor]

Sl No	Nature	Name of the title holder
1	Property No.1: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy No.57/1657/1, Kengal Kempalli Village, Sampura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Survey No. 57/1 - 0.14 Guntas East by: Chinnawami S/o Kempaiah land West by: Chikanna's land North by: Sy No. 57/2 A South by: Kote Muddanna's land Survey No. 57/2A - 0.19 Guntas East by: Billanakes's Border West by: Venaktesh's land North by: Road South by: Ramaiah's land	Smt Bhagya Lakshmi & B Suresh
2	Property No.2: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.50, Assessment No.59.BBMP Kata No 150, situated in Mallasandra Village, Yashwanthapur Hobli, Bengaluru north Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet and bounded on the East, Bay Road West by: Property No.49 North by: Property No.48 South by: Property No.52	Smt Bhagya Lakshmi & B Suresh

SCHEDULE - C
[Details of liability as on date 15.06.2026]

Sl No	Loan No	Principal as on date 15.06.2026	Interest and other charges as on date 15.06.2026	Total Liability as on date 15.06.2026
1	2698887000001	48,23,606.88	5,74,788.94	53,98,395.82
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Sealed Two Part tenders on **Percentage Rate Basis** are invited for the work of "Augmentation of the Illumination Level of the Pathway at Urban Forest. Action Area-II, New Town, Kolkata under WBHIDCO" from the agencies having ability in execution of similar nature of work. Last date of Bid Submission (On line) **22.06.2026 upto 06-00 P.M.** Detailed may be seen in our website at www.wbhidcoltd.com.
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APPENDIX-IV-A [See provision to Rule 8(6) & proviso to Rule 9(1)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisos to Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor i.e. M/s Religare Finvest Ltd. (in short RFL), the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the authorized officer of RFL, will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", "WHATEVER THERE IS" and "NO RECOURSE" basis through E-Auction. The E - Auction shall be conducted only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through website <https://www.bankeuctions.com/> on 14.07.2026 from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes duration each for recovery of ₹ 6,55,03,516.35 (Rupees Six Crores Fifty Five Lakhs Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen and Thirty Five paise Only) as on 15.06.2026 along with due to date, interest, costs and charges due to the RFL from the Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s) namely, 1) M/s. Laxmi Powerloom Unit, 2)Smt. Mahadevaiah Sowbhaga, 3) Sri.H.G.Karthik Kaladhar and 4)Sri.H.T.Gurudev

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

ITEM - I: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Katha No. 1831/1, Door No. 1538/1, Old Katha No. 926, New Katha No. 168/21501/3810/1 situated at Doddaballapura Town, 4th Ward, Gangarapete, District Bangalore, bounded on East by: Property of Ajameera Jan; West by: Municipal Road; North by: Property belonging to Syed Hussain Sab; and South by: Property of Jayadeva. Measuring 30 1/2 ft. and North to South 15 1/2 ft.

ITEM - II: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing No. 3813/ D. 3028, Door No. 3813, Old Katha No. 1833/12855/2535, New Katha No. 219/205/3813, situated at 4th Ward, Doddaballapura Nagar, Bangalore, AS IS WHAT IS, Karnataka, presently comes under the limits of BBMP and bounded on East by: Property of Patel Najappa; West by: Property of HT Gurudev; North by: Passage (Lane); and South by: Property of HT Gurudev. Measuring 30X33 ft. and 31X40.6 ft.

ITEM - III: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Katha No.



THOMAS CROWN AFFAIR: ENGLISH QUEST BEGINS

Thomas Tuchel caused an uproar by dropping big names for marquee event. He'll be under constant scrutiny starting with their tie vs Croatia. **Chandra Prabhu** gives a lowdown...

WHEN Thomas Tuchel put pen to paper on his England contract in late 2024, the brief from the Football Association (FA) that governs English football, was simple — get the team across the line and win a trophy.

It also signalled a departure of the FA's approach of appointing English coaches. While Gareth Southgate laid the crucial groundwork, he failed to see the team through the final hurdle at the Euro 2024. They were twice runner-up in the UEFA Euros (2021, 2024) and a semifinal finish in the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia before stumbling in the quarterfinals of the 2022 edition in Qatar. Tuchel will be the third foreign coach for the Three Lions. While his decorated CV — winning the league with Paris Saint Germain and Bayern Munich and a UEFA Champions League with Chelsea — may seem attractive but his appointment brought familiar apprehensions back. The last foreign coach to lead an England team in the World Cup in 2010 oversaw a disastrous campaign.

That apprehension further arose when Tuchel announced the squad for the World Cup in May, when he left out big names like Phil Foden, Cole Palmer, Trent Alexander-Arnold and included Ivan Toney and a 36-year-old Jordan Henderson. Fingers were pointed at him, criticism among former players was strong. But Tuchel defended his selection. "I think from day one we were very clear that we are trying to select and build the best possible team, which is not necessarily to select and collect the 26 most talented players. Teams win Championships," he had said after announcing the squad in May. Those concluding remarks will hold more weight, and with that, gives Tuchel little room for error. With fans holding high expectations as ever, this campaign for England is crucial. Another reason this World Cup was going to be crucial is because Tuchel's men are yet to be tested. In their route to



England players during a training session at Dallas Stadium on Tuesday | AFP

3 Tuchel is England's third foreign coach to lead side to WC after Fabio Capello (2010) and Sven-Goran Eriksson (2002, 2006).

0 The no of goals England conceded in their WC qualification group filled with lower-ranked teams like Albania (67), Serbia (41), Latvia (137), Andorra (172).

qualifying to the global showpiece, England scored 22 goals and conceded zero goals, but their oppositions read — 67th ranked Albania, 41st placed Serbia, Latvia in 137th place and minnows Andorra (172).

It is why England's first group game against Croatia is considered a litmus test. One of the important aspects that the England boss needs to address is managing the player's workload.

The likes of Declan Rice (55 appearances for Arsenal), Morgan Rogers (55 apps for Aston Villa) and Marc Guehi (53 apps for Crystal Palace/Man City) will come in exhausted. The clubs they represent have had deep runs in both domestic and European competitions, and have played key roles. "Our players will be tired after a long season. That is how it is," he said at the squad announcement.

This is one of the reasons why former English footballer and pundit Paul Masefield believes

it is crucial for Tuchel to manage his players. "The number of games that they're having to play in per season is getting longer. Then they're playing World Cups, then they're going on tours, then they're playing. Players don't get a break. So, how will the body fully recover? The only way is when it breaks down and then somebody else has to come in. Tuchel has to come good and has to come strong when he uses his substitutes. It does play a little part in it," the *Zee5* expert said in a virtual interaction. That way, he believes Wednesday's match may not involve 'flat-out football from both sides'. "I see England being that slightly stronger side because there are more ageing legs in that Croatian side with the likes of (Luka) Modric, Perisic, those type of players. But these two sides will always have a go at one another. But you won't be seeing the gung-ho, flat-out football from both sides in the opening game," he said.

But what the German is doing right is retaining the culture Southgate had built from scratch. Team over individual. "That that's the key element that Tuchel is trying to put into this team — the team ethics, the teamwork and the team bonding, where you've got a team that will go out onto the pitch and die for each other. Southgate's the one that started (culture), and now Tuchel's come in with that little bit more tactical awareness and knowledge than Southgate has (...)," Masefield explained.

Full story: [newindianexpress.com](#)

QUICK PASSES

Swede defender, true royalty of ongoing WC

MONTERREY: Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo are among the soccer royalty gracing the World Cup in North America. If you want real-life aristocracy, head to Sweden's squad. Gustaf Lagerbjelke, a 26-year-old defender who played the entire match in Sweden's 5-1 defeat of Tunisia on Sunday, is a baron from a noble family in Sweden. His father and grandfather are counts. Soccer players typically come from modest backgrounds — take Messi and Ronaldo, for example. Not Lagerbjelke. Lagerbjelke grew up in Djursholm, a wealthy suburb in the Swedish capital, Stockholm. When he played soccer as a kid, he says he had the family's coat of arms on his shin pads. "When I was kid, I wanted to become a professional footballer," Lagerbjelke said after Sunday's match.

Kaur & Co seek momentum

AFTER THE WIN AGAINST PAKISTAN, INDIA WILL LOOK TO DOUBLE DOWN VS NETHERLANDS. A LOOK...

MIDDLE-ORDER PUZZLE

One of the weak links for this team is the power in the middle-order except for Richa Ghosh. Bharti Fulmall has the potential but not the big stage experience. India will want to keep her in the XI and back her to come good than flooding the line-up with top-order batters.

FIELDING BLUES

Drop catches have been a theme of the World Cup so far. India had their moments of mis-field too. And the sooner they bring in their best fielding unit and ensure no catches are dropped, the better it is for the Harmanpreet Kaur-led side.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Australia vs Bangladesh, Leeds, 3PM

India vs Netherlands, Leeds, 7PM

Pakistan vs South Africa, Edgbaston, 11PM

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS AND JIHOTSTAR

Portugal dream big

ALL EYES WILL BE ON PORTUGAL WHEN THEY BEGIN THEIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST MINNOWS DR CONGO AT THE HOUSTON STADIUM ON WEDNESDAY. A LOOK AT THE MATCH...

EYEING GOOD RON

It's now or never for Ronaldo, who will be making his final appearance at the showpiece event. But they'll be relying on other game-changers like Bruno Fernandes, Joao Neves, Vitinha, Ruben Neves.

CONGO SEEK GOOD RETURN

It will be an emotional night for Congo, who will be making a return to the WC after 52 years. They'll be hoping to take the leaf out of Cape Verde to make it a tough night for Ronaldo & Co.

Live Action **Group K:** Portugal vs DR Congo (10:30 PM) **LIVE on Unite8 Sports and Zee5**

PORTUGAL: D Costa (1); Cancelo (20), Dias (3), Inacio (14), Mendes (25), Vitinha (15), J Neves (23), B Silva (10), Fernandes (8), Leao (17); Ronaldo (7).



DR CONGO: Mpasí (1); Wan-Bissaka (2), Mbemba (22), Tuanzebe (4), Masuaku (26); Moutoussamy (8), Sadiki (14), Mukau (6); Meschack (13), Bakambu (17), Wissa (20).

CROATIA: Livakovic (1); Stanisic (2), Sutalo (6), Vuskovic (22), Gvardiol (4); Modric (10), Kovacic (8), Susic (17), Kramaric (9), Perisic (14); Budimir (11).



ENGLAND: Pickford (1); James (24), Stones (5), Konsa (2), O'Reilly (3); Anderson (8), Rice (4), Saka (7), Bellingham (10), Gordon (18); Kane (9)



Iran players acknowledge the fans after their match against New Zealand | AFP

Iran coach says team ordered out of US after draw

AGENCIES @ Inglewood (California)

THE coach of Iran's World Cup team said they were ordered to leave the US and return to its training base in Mexico only a few hours after opening their politically charged tournament by playing to a 2-2 draw with New Zealand on Monday night. Coach Amir Ghalenoei didn't say who ordered the Iranians to leave earlier than planned. The team had expected to spend the night in California to maximize the normal recovery process after its opening game, only to be told after the match that everyone must immediately get on a plane for the 140-mile trip back to Tijuana.

"They didn't even give us time to recover," Ghalenoei said through an interpreter: "After the game today, they said to us, 'You have to leave immediately.' It's very important for us to have time for recovery, (but) we are asked to get on a plane and return to our camp in Tijuana, and we are really troubled by that."

The Iranians' World Cup cycle has been in upheaval since the US and Israel began a war against Iran on Feb. 28. Iran captain Mehdi Taremi

said the team endured five hours of travel and security checks during what's normally a very short trip from Tijuana to the Los Angeles area on Sunday.

Iran opened their World Cup with a disappointing draw to a team ranked 65 places lower in FIFA's rankings. Yet the Iranians also overcame two deficits in an exciting match, getting the tying goal from Mohammad Mohebi in the 64th minute before a strongly pro-Iranian crowd at SoFi Stadium near Los Angeles, which has the world's largest population of Iranians outside Iran.

Uruguay frustrated

MIAMI: Uruguay dominated but had to settle for a 1-1 draw against Saudi Arabia in the sweltering heat of Miami on Monday to leave an intriguing Group H wide open. The stalemate came hours after one of the biggest shocks in World Cup history when European champions Spain were held 0-0 by debutants Cape Verde in the same group.

Result: Group G: Iran 2 (Rezaeian 32', Mohebbi 64') drew with New Zealand 2 (Just 7, 54'); **Group H:** Saudi Arabia 1 (Amri 41') drew with Uruguay 1 (Araujo 80').

Ronaldo set to play on US soil after 4,337 days

AGENCIES

IT would have been unthinkable at the start of the 2022 World Cup to suggest Cristiano Ronaldo was anything other than the undisputed leader of the Portugal team. But the Qatar edition went poorly for Portugal's all-time leading goalscorer. Then, he didn't score at all in the 2024 European Championship. Now, in the buildup to what may be Ronaldo's World Cup swansong, concerns over what the 41-year-old can still bring to the national team are at the forefront of many fans' minds. Portugal open play Wednesday against Congo DR in Houston.

What also adds to the intrigue around the contest is that it will be the first time Ronaldo plays football on US soil in 4337 days across international and club games. While he did visit the White House in November last year, the veteran has not taken the field in the United States in more than a decade.

To understand why, one has to go back to 2009. Ronaldo was accused of sexually assaulting Kathryn Mayorga in a Las Vegas hotel in June 2009. The Portugal forward, a five-time Champions League winner, strongly denied the claims and the investigation was originally closed 10 years ago. It reopened in August 2018, shortly before Mayorga filed a civil lawsuit in September and offered details she initially withheld. Mayorga said that while she had agreed to a financial settlement with Ronaldo shortly after the alleged incident — reportedly for \$375,000 — her emotional trauma at the time did not allow her to participate in the mediation process. In 2022, a US district judge dismissed a rape lawsuit. Through this time, he did not travel to US for playing football.

Ronaldo, playing in a record-extending sixth World Cup, is the oldest outfield player in the meet but still projects as Portugal's starting striker.



Egypt dare to dream after gritty fight

AGENCIES @ Cairo

WHEN Egypt took the lead against Belgium in their opening World Cup match on Monday, decades of doubt gave way to belief for 62-year-old Bahgat Abbas. Standing beneath the historic arcades near the Basilica in Cairo's eastern Helipolis district, Abbas leapt with the crowd as cups rattled across tables and the roar from television screens spilled into the street. "I remember watching Egypt in 1990," Abbas said, waving an Egyptian flag as car horns blared around him.

"Back then, just being at the World Cup felt special. Tonight feels different. Tonight feels like we can actually achieve



Egypt's Emam Ashour (8) celebrates after scoring against Belgium | AP

something." Egypt were ultimately held to a 1-1 draw by one of Europe's most respected footballing nations, but the performance lifted spirits across the country and renewed belief that a near-century wait for a World Cup breakthrough may

finally be within reach. Much of that hope has centred on Mohamed Salah, Egypt's talisman who turned 34 on Monday and may be playing his final World Cup.

Result: Group G: Belgium 1 (Hany 66'-og) drew with Egypt 1 (Ashour 19').

T20 WC: Ghosh ready to deliver

GOMESH S @ Chennai

ABOUT a week ago, India lost to England in their last warm-up game before the Women's T20 World Cup. Despite the result, where India failed to chase down 172, the biggest takeaway from the contest was one thing and one thing alone — the most important player for their T20 WC campaign was back in form. Richa Ghosh.

Her 36-ball 68, from the outset, might look like just another fifty that did not take the team across the line.

Full story: [newindianexpress.com](#)

EXPRESS READ

Boxing WC: Jyoti, Prachi and Nikhil progress

NEW DELHI: Indian boxers Jyoti, Prachi and Nikhil emerged victorious on Day 2 of the Boxing World Cup (Stage 2) in China, advancing to the next round of their respective weight categories. Prachi (57kg) registered a convincing 5-0 victory over USA's Deborah Grant to move ahead.

Williams sisters to play together at Wimbledon

LONDON: Serena and Venus Williams are bringing their doubles partnership back at Wimbledon. The All England Club announced a doubles wild card invitation on Tuesday for the sisters to the grass-court Grand Slam. The move comes after 44-year-old Serena recently returned to competition after nearly four years away from pro tennis.

World Snooker meet: China 'B' edge India

GUANGDONG (CHINA): Former champions India suffered a narrow defeat to China 'B' in their opening match of the World Team Snooker Championship here on Tuesday. The 2-3 loss to the hosts in the three-team Group 'B' leaves India with a must-win game against Turkey on Wednesday.

Equestrian team for Asiad announced

NEW DELHI: The Indian squads for three equestrian disciplines were announced here on Tuesday by the ad-hoc committee for the governance of the Equestrian Federation of India, ahead of the Asian Games.

Squads: Dressage: Shruti Vora (Magnanimous), Gaurav Pundir (Milli), Jai Sud (Goofy La Perla), Hriday Chheda (Dono Di Maggio); **Three day event:** Ashish Limaye (Willy Be Dun), Ahaan Kumar (Bolivar Gio Granno), Arjan Nagra (Cooley Goodwood), Fouaad Mirza (Carmouffage 3B); **Show jumping:** Maryk Sahney (Gold Run), Abhishek Chopra (C'est Lui Des Rosiers), Yashaan Zubin Khambatta (Inca's Big Think), Niharika Singhania (First to Cash Out).



SHINING BRIGHT

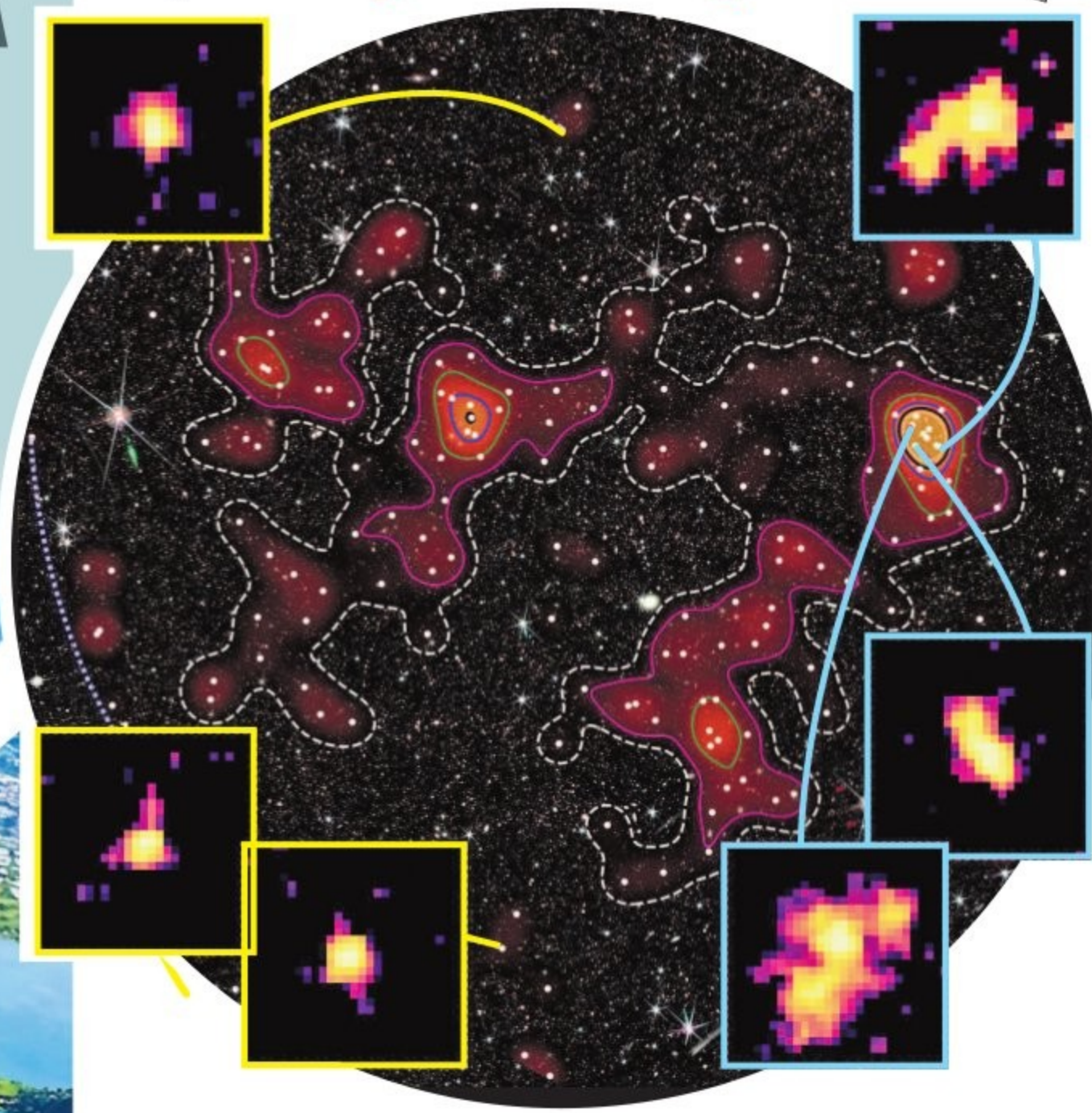
A PIECE OF
MANIPUR
AMONG
THE STARS

Cosmic environment

The findings push the timeline of environmental influence much further back than expected, showing that galaxies were already being shaped by where they were present when the universe was less than a tenth of its current age

Why does it matter?

By observing galaxies as they existed just 1.2 billion years after the Big Bang, researchers can test theories of how the first massive galaxies formed, assembled their stars, evolved and became part of the giant galaxy clusters seen today

12.6 BILLION YEARS AGO
Loktak Protocluster

DISCOVERED BY AN INTERNATIONAL TEAM LED BY
ASTROPHYSICIST RONALDO LAISHRAM, THE STRUCTURE WAS
NAMED AFTER LOKTAK LAKE IN MANIPUR, INDIA

TAMREEN SULTANA @ Hyderabad

WHEN Ronaldo Laishram was growing up in Manipur, he often came across scientific discoveries named after places far from home.

Years later, the astrophysicist has helped place a piece of Manipur on the cosmic

map.

Leading an international team of researchers using the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) and the Subaru Telescope, Laishram studied the Loktak Protocluster, a giant assembly of galaxies that existed when the universe was only 1.2 billion years old. The observations offer evidence that a galaxy's environment was already influencing its

evolution at this early stage of cosmic history.

Named after Loktak Lake, Manipur's iconic freshwater lake, the protocluster provides astronomers with a rare glimpse into how some of the universe's largest structures were taking shape in their infancy. Because its light has taken about 12.6 billion years to reach Earth, astronomers see the system as it appeared when the universe was less than a tenth of its present age.

Galaxies in a crowded neighbourhood

Galaxy clusters are among the largest structures in the universe. Their earliest stages are known as protoclusters, vast concentrations of galaxies that later grow into the giant clusters seen today.

Using the Subaru Telescope's Hyper Suprime-Cam, Laishram and his colleagues identified a massive protocluster dating back about 12.6 billion years. Follow-up observations with JWST allowed the team to examine its galaxies in unprecedented detail.

The findings, published in *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, address an important question in astronomy: when did a galaxy's surroundings begin shaping how it evolved?

In the present-day universe, astronomers know that galaxies located in dense environments often evolve differently from those in more isolated regions. Large galaxy clusters can affect how quickly galaxies form stars, how they grow and even their overall shape.

What has remained less clear is when these environmental influences first began operating. Observing galaxies in a protocluster provides a rare opportunity to examine these processes at a much earlier stage of cosmic history, when the universe itself was still relatively young.

"Our findings show that even at this early stage, the en-

vironment mattered," Laishram says. "The galaxies within the protocluster were about 1.4 times larger than similar galaxies located in less dense regions. This pushes the timeline of environmental influence further back than previously confirmed and will help scientists better understand the earliest stages of galaxy formation and evolution."

The team identified the structure by mapping young, star-forming galaxies clustered in a region far denser than the cosmic average.

Comparisons between galaxies inside and outside the protocluster revealed a striking difference.

Observations showed that galaxies within the dense protocluster had already built up larger, more extended stellar structures than comparable galaxies elsewhere, suggesting their surroundings were influencing how they grew.

The findings suggest that environmental effects were already influencing galaxy growth at a remarkably early stage in cosmic history.

Why Loktak?

For Laishram, the discovery carries a personal significance too. "I wanted to give this discovery a connection to my home state of Manipur," he says. "As a child, I often saw discoveries named after places around the world and hoped that something from Manipur would one day be represented in our understanding of the universe. Naming this discovery after my home state was very meaningful to me."

The name also reflects the

structure itself. The protocluster consists of four major concentrations of galaxies linked together within a larger system. The arrangement reminded researchers of Loktak Lake's floating biomass islands, known as phumdis, which appear as distinct formations linked across the lake's surface. Loktak Lake is one of India's best-known freshwater lakes and is recognised internationally for its ecological importance.

Looking ahead

Beyond its immediate findings, the Loktak Protocluster could become an important benchmark for future studies of galaxy evolution.

Future observations using next-generation instruments on the Subaru Telescope and additional JWST studies will help researchers determine whether the environmental effects seen in the Loktak Protocluster were common throughout the young universe or represent a more unusual case. For Laishram, the discovery also highlights the importance of expanding scientific opportunities closer to home.

"Now, we are encouraging young people to develop an interest in astronomy," he says. "I hope more scientific infrastructure, such as planetariums and educational centres, can be developed in Manipur so that future generations can explore and appreciate the wonders of the universe."

Seen as they were about 12.6 billion years ago, the galaxies of the Loktak Protocluster offer a glimpse of the universe in its youth. They also ensure that a lake in Manipur now has a place on humanity's map of the cosmos.



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Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagee	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Sunil Kumar C, S/o. Chikkahanchaiah, S/o. Manjappa, S/o. Manjappa	Loan Account No. 33639630000469 Loan Amount: Rs.16,50,000/-	Mortgaged Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Eastern half Portion of Site No.41, Khattha No.74/2 measuring East to West 15 ft North to South 40 ft situated at Nayandahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently within the limit of BBMP, Ward No.39 and Bounded on: East by: Property No.42, West by: Remaining portion of same property belongs to Savithri, North by: Others property, South by: Road.	Date of NPA: 01-06-2026 Demand Notice Date: 12.06.2026	Rs.15,41,137.53 (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Forty One Thousand One Hundred Thirty Seven and Fifty Three Paise Only) due as on 08-06-2026
2	1) Mrs. Bhagyamma, W/o. Venkateshappa, S/o. Srinivas V, S/o. Venkateshappa	Loan Account No. 464596300001618 46459410001738 Loan Amount: Rs.4,00,000/- Rs.1,20,000/-	Mortgaged Immovable Property: All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.37/40, E-Katta ID No.1503001800800047, situated at Manjappa Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Presently comes under the limits of Tavarekere Village Panchayath and Bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Vacant Site, North by: Chikka Munyappa, South by: Vacant Site. Measuring East to West: 5.80 mtrs and North to South: 9.60 mtrs, in all 55.68 Sq.mtrs.	Date of NPA: 01-06-2026 Demand Notice Date: 11.06.2026	Rs.4,10,173.38 (Rupees Four Lakh Ten Thousand One Hundred Seventy Three Only) as on 08-06-2026
3	1) Mr. Naveenakumar G N, S/o. Narasimhaiah, 2) Mrs. Pavithra, W/o. Naveenakumar	Loan Account No. 464596300001121 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	Mortgaged Immovable Property: All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.19/1, situated at Shivapur Village, Nandagudi Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, presently comes under the limits of Shivapur Gram Panchayath and Bounded by the: East by: Road, West by: Property of Venkataraju, North by: Vacant Site of Own, South by: Vacant Site of Own. Measuring East to West: 36 feet and North to South: 37 feet.	Date of NPA: 01-06-2026 Demand Notice Date: 12.06.2026	Rs.3,44,566.00 (Rupees Three Lakh Forty Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Six Only) due as on 08-06-2026 and interest thereon
4	1) Mrs. Rathnamma, S/o. Nagaraju, 2) Mr. Nagaraju, S/o. Kondayya	Loan Account No. 46980530000050 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	Mortgaged Immovable Property: All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No.3/33, E Katta No.1503001300120125, situated at Karepura Village comes within the purview of Doddaballavangala Gram Panchayat, Doddaballapur Taluk and Bangalore Rural District, measuring East-West 12.192 mtrs, North-South 9.144 mtrs, totally measuring 111.48 Sq.mtrs and Bounded on: East by: Site number 32, West by: Site number 34, North by: Site number 38, South by: Road. Measuring East-West 12.192 mtrs, North-South 9.144 mtrs, totally measuring 111.48 Sq.mtrs.	Date of NPA: 01-06-2026 Demand Notice Date: 12.06.2026	Rs.5,06,782.92 (Rupees Five Lakh Six Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Two and Ninety Two Paise Only) due as on 08-06-2026

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagee as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower/s/ Co-Borrower/s/ Guarantor/s/ Mortgagees of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 16.06.2026, Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

THE MALLESWARAM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,
H. O. : # 102, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003.
Ph- 080-23342713/23342323 E-Mail : mcb_mail@yahoo.com, Website : www.mcbli.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Malleswaram Branch under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 15.12.2025 calling upon the Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgagee/ Guarantor (1) Sri. Prashanth K S/o Krishnappa H.V. (2) Smt. Mamatha P W/o Prashanth K, All are residing at : No.2, BEL Layout phase 2, Bedarahalli, Bangalore 560091, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,44,29,918/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Four Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen Only)** within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Said Borrowers of the property failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers of the property and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule-8 of the said rules on this **12th day of June 2026**.

The Borrowers of the property in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Malleswaram Branch for the amount of **Rs.1,52,94,840/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Two Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Only)** as on **31.05.2026** and interest thereon.

Description of the property:
All that Part and Parcel of Residential Immovable Property Bearing No.2, BBMP Katha No.1004, New No.1210/1004/02, formed in Sy No.169, Situated at Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now Comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP, BBMP Ward No.72, Herohalli, E.P.I.D No.9458484565 including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, constructed the site measuring East to West: 30 Feet, North to South: 40 Feet, Totally Measuring: 1200 Sq Feet and bounded as follows East By: Site No.1, West By: Site No.3, North By: Road, South By: Site No.21.

NOTE: POSSESSION NOTICE DATED 03/06/2026 STANDS WITHDRAWN.

Date : 12.06.2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

No: BDA/2026-27/SE0110 Date:16.06.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Bangalore Development Authority invites tenders for "Selection of Service Provider for Supply, Installation, Configuration, Commissioning and Two-Year Concurrent Annual Maintenance of Intermediate Server (Main+DR)" for Bangalore Development Authority (BDA).

Tender documents are available on the e-Procurement portal and the last date for bid submission is **25.06.2026, 5:30 PM**. Technical bids will be opened on **29.06.2026 at 11:30 AM**. Interested bidders may refer to <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> for detailed information or contact the EDP Cell, BDA head office, Bengaluru-560 020.

Any changes or updates will be published only on the e-Procurement portal, so bidders are requested to check the portal regularly.

Helpline / Whatsapp: 9483166622 (24x7) @BDAOOfficialGok Sd/- Head of Department, EDP Cell, BDA, Bengaluru.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- II AT BANGALURU
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

OA No. 1407/2024

BETWEEN:
UNION BANK OF INDIA, (KORMANGALA BRANCH)

.....Applicant

AND:
Mr. KIRAN MEHTA & ANOTHER

.....Defendant

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDENT UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
D1. MR. KIRAN MEHTA, S/o Sanjay Mehta Aged about 30 years, R/at: Flat No.101, 1st Floor, D Block, B. M Magnolia park, Hagadur Village, K.R Puram Hobli, Bangalore-560037
D2. MRS. OPINDER DEEP, W/o Kiran Mehta Aged about 25 years, R/at: Flat No.101, 1st Floor, D Block, B. M Magnolia park, Hagadur Village, K.R Puram Hobli, Bangalore-560037

.....Defendant

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application in the section 19 of recovery of debts due to banks and financial institution act 1993 against the You for recovery of a sum of **Rs.66,78,082/- (Rupees Sixty-Six Lakhs Seventy-Eight Thousand Eighty-Two Only)** together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendant is required to appear before the tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defense to show cause within **30 days** from the date of publication or on **04.09.2026 at 10.30 A.M. (forenoon)** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determine in your absence.

Give under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 30.04.2026

By Order Of the Tribunal Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I At Bangalore

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name : Sri Narasimha Murthy B
e-mail id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: 9962629198

Address of the Branch:
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH
Building No.11/90, III Floor, Opp: Trustwell Hospital, J C Road, Bengaluru-560 002. Tel: 080-2594-3678/3663
E-mail ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

APENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
E-AUCTION ON 20.07.2026
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s), that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, **State Bank of India, Bengaluru**, the actual physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever There is" basis on **20.07.2026** for recovery of **Rs. 2,81,59,045/- (Rupees Two Crore Eighty One Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand and Forty Five only)** as on 14.06.2026 and further interest at contractual rate from 15.06.2026 plus with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., due to the Secured Creditor **State Bank of India, Bengaluru** from **Sri. Deepak Kumar Anantali Mali S/o Sri. Anantali Ayodhyaprasad Mali (Borrower)**.

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment Amount	Date & Time of e-Auction of property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs. 1,50,00,000/-	Rs. 15,00,000/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-	20.07.2026, 11:00 A.M to 4.00 P.M.	18.07.2026 up to 04.00 P.M.

TENDER NO. SBI/SARB/NM/2026-27/103

Title deed holder : Sri. Deepak Kumar Anantali Mali S/o Sri. Anantali Ayodhyaprasad Mali
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : (Description of the entire land area) : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.65, formed in the converted land bearing Sy.No.341 (conversion order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)28/2003-04 dated 13.05.2003, by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore), situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently the property comes under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, having BBMP Katha No.1605/65, in Ward No.192 measuring East to West: 37'43/2 Feet and North to South 98'62/2 Feet, totally measuring 3680 Sq.ft., and bounded on the : East by : Site No. 64, West by : Private Property, North by : Road, South by : Site No. 63.

Schedule "B" Property : 920 Sq Ft., of Undivided Share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property hereby conveyed by the Vendors to the Purchaser.

Schedule "C" Property : Flat No.1 (First Floor), of the building known as "Jampa Experia" constructed on the Schedule "A" Property, having a super built up area measuring 2800 Sq.Ft., with Two Covered Car Parking slot in silt floor and including all rights, privileges, appurtenances thereto and the flat is held in the name of "Sri. Deepak Kumar Mali S/o Sri. Anantali Ayodhyaprasad Mali" and bounded on : East by : Set Back, West by : Set Back, North by : Corridor, South by : Set Back.

Sale Deed is registered on 27.12.2019 in favour of "Sri. Deepak Kumar Mali S/o Sri. Anantali Ayodhyaprasad Mali" in the office of Senior SRO Jayanagara (Kengeri) Bangalore in Book No.1 under Document No. KEN-1-08897/2019-20 and stored in CD No: KEND963 dated 27.12.2019.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **PSB Alliance Pvt Limited** <https://baanknet.com>

Date and Time during which inspection of the immovable secured assets to be sold and intending bidders should satisfy themselves about the assets and their specification. On or before **18.07.2026, between 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.** with prior appointment. Contact person with mobile number **Sri. Anjan Kumar D, Cell No. 8660590654.**

NOTE : Sale of property is brought under "As Is Where Is" condition, any dues affecting the property such as Electricity Bill, Water Bill, pending charges with respect of Association, Transfer of E-Katha and Property Tax etc., has to be borne by the auction purchaser.

Date: 16.06.2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Bengaluru State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bangalore



DAY'S DIARY
Most read African lit
Things Fall Apart by Nigerian writer Chinua Achebe, published on this day in 1958, is considered most widely read book in African literature

PLOTLINE
The novel chronicles the life of Okonkwo, the leader of an Igbo community known as Umuofia, from the events leading up to his banishment to his return



SOCIAL UNRAVELING
It addresses the problem of emergent Africa, the intrusion in the 1890s of white missionaries and colonial government into tribal Igbo society



ACHIEVEMENT
As the cornerstone of modern African literature in English, the novel was the first work to be included in Heinemann's African Writers Series

CE's guide to happenings in the city!

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A viral remark about a date and a ₹370 biryani bill on comedian Pranit More's show has struck a nerve across the internet. Bengalureans share their take as the remark stirs a larger conversation about consent, entitlement, dating expectations and the limits of humour

A QUESTION OF TASTE

ANJALI RAM & SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN

WHEN a joke lands, it takes less than a minute to see if it landed right. Recently, netizens were divided by a viral clip from standup comedian Pranit More's show, in which an audience member named Himanshu Jangra recounted a date and claimed he felt entitled to something in return after spending ₹370 on a chicken biryani. Laughter erupted immediately, the comedian laughed along, calling it 'Peak Gurgaon content' and uploaded the video. The incident quickly sparked outrage and debate across social media, with discussions ranging from consent and dating expectations to misogyny, accountability and the role of comedians during crowd work. Following the social media rage alongside #BiryaniIsNotConsent movement, Jangra was fired from the company. As the conversation continues, *CE* speaks with Bengalureans across different walks of life to understand their take on the controversy and what it reveals about modern dating culture and standup shows.



ANVITA BHAT, student
As a generation, we are not only questioning social problems but also fighting against the system that perpetuates them. And because of that, comedians are facing more scrutiny for their jokes. I would not say that all scrutiny is a rightful anger, but sometimes it is a simple outrage over what we perceive to be something that we consider problematic, but at the same time, right. These are problems that older generations ignored. So, I feel such jokes are more visible than deeper systemic problems that we have. If someone can crack a joke about something so heinous very casually and have people in a room laughing with them, then that is a sign of a deeper social problem, isn't it? This man tried to violate the consent of a living woman. I feel the company might have fired him, realising that they may put their fellow female coworkers in danger if they keep him there. Obviously, the biggest controversy is that he is also responsible for perpetuating this.



KRISTEN JOHN, digital creator
Whenever incidents like this happen, the response is often, 'Not all men.' And that's true. But that's rarely the point. Most women carry stories of feeling uncomfortable, unsafe or having their boundaries crossed. That's why this remark struck a nerve. The problem wasn't the joke itself, but the mindset behind it – the belief that spending money creates entitlement to a woman's attention or intimacy. While apologies and backlash have their place, changing this mindset requires deeper conversations in homes, schools and among men themselves. Creating a world where women can date, trust and feel safe is a responsibility that belongs to all of us.

ARYA PRAKASH, sr marketing executive



As a woman in India, I am outraged by the incident. Going on a date with a stranger already requires a great deal of trust, especially in a country where personal safety is often a concern. The issue was never the ₹370 spent on biryani; it was the mindset that paying for a meal somehow entitles someone to physical intimacy. To me, it reflects a larger frustration that exists among some men, but frustration should never translate into entitlement over another person's choices or consent. I can understand why some men feel burdened by the expectation that they should always pay on dates. That's why I prefer splitting the bill, as it creates equality and removes any sense of obligation. Comedians, too, have a responsibility to challenge sexist remarks rather than reinforce them. The reaction online shows that conversations around consent and equality are evolving and more people are willing to call out entitlement when they see it.



AISWARYA SREENIVASAN, beauty vlogger

Frustration in modern dating is understandable, but entitlement to someone's affection or intimacy is not. Paying for a date should come from generosity or chivalry, not hidden expectations. The moment kindness comes with conditions, it stops being a gesture. As for the backlash, many women are simply tired of such attitudes being normalised. I also think Pranit More could have handled the situation more responsibly instead of encouraging it for laughs and virality. Comedy absolutely has freedom, but influence also comes with responsibility. Humour should challenge people, not normalise disrespect. When someone has a large platform, the things they laugh at or stay silent about also send a message.

GLENN FERNANDES, student



Some people believe that they're entitled to something in return with minimal investment. The moment you condemn them, their remarks, a large chunk of audience automatically starts realising the problem at the core level. There shouldn't be any censorship on jokes, but the intent behind it matters. If you're portraying someone in a derogatory light, then that's not a good joke. But again, censorship can bring a whole new problem of who gets to speak what, according to the people who sit in power.

ABDUL SATTAR, men's rights activist



People should remember that this comment was made during a comedy show, where sarcastic and exaggerated remarks are common. I don't believe paying for a date should come with expectations attached. At the same time, many men do feel pressure to pay on dates, even in a society where both partners may be educated and financially independent. What I find most concerning, however, is that the individual lost his job over a comment made outside his workplace. I don't think that's fair. Social media could have used this moment to have a meaningful discussion, but instead, the reaction became extreme.

AISWARYA KAILAS, image consultant



With the internet reaching everyone, the mentality of mob justice has grown stronger. And whatever the majority decides is right becomes the accepted truth, even when that doesn't result in equal justice. Authorities dealing with such cases need to apply the same standard to everyone, irrespective of gender. Any joke made at the cost of another person's dignity, regardless of the category it falls under, should be avoided. The education system in our country needs to focus more on building ethics from childhood, rather than fixating solely on academic subjects.



Curiosity may drive the first sip, but flavour is turning fruit beers to a favourite across the city's thriving craft brewery scene

SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN

Abeer infused with mango, kokum, tamarind or jamun might once have seemed like an experimental offering reserved exclusively for adventurous drinkers. Today, fruit beers are becoming a staple across the city's craft brewing scene, as breweries increasingly turn to local produce to create beers that are refreshing and truly desi.

While fruit-flavoured beers have long existed globally, brewers are putting a local spin on the trend, drawing inspiration from the country's rich agricultural diversity and consumers' growing appetite for unique experiences to bridge the gap between traditional and Indian flavours. At American Brewworks, the decision to use fruit was closely tied to the country's agricultural abundance. "Firstly, the diverse agriculture in India has a plethora of fruits to use that impart unique flavours and aromas to the beer. Secondly, the usage of fruit gives familiarity to an unfamiliar product. And finally, fruits, especially mangoes, invoke nostalgia in the drinker," says Aadihya Eashwaran, executive director and head brewer. These flavours, he notes, can make beer feel less intimidating to first-timers.

Such accessibility is one of the reasons fruit beers are drawing interest from a wider range of consumers. While seasoned craft beer enthusiasts are keen to sample new styles, breweries

Brewed to Fruition



say fruit beers are also appealing to those who prefer lighter yet flavourful drinks. Brewmaster Lalit Kumar Vijay of BierGarten says the response has been encouraging since launch. "People were naturally curious to try something different. What has been more satisfying is seeing customers come back and reorder," he shares, adding that the repeat orders suggest that customers are returning for novelty and more. At Byg Brewski, master brewer Megha Dalimbe finds curiosity often leads people to order their first fruit beer, but taste is what keeps them interested. "Once people experience a well-balanced fruit beer, they become repeat drinkers of the style," she shares. The category has gained traction among both first-time beer drinkers and regular craft beer consumers looking for something different.

Among the many fruits finding their way into beers, mango remains the clear favourite. And breweries regularly launch seasonal mango beers during summer. "Mango, as a fruit in beer, reigns king. It's no longer an experiment or an option; it's an expectation. Customers expect a mango beer to be on top every summer," says Eashwaran. The

fruit's sweetness and popularity have helped make it one of the most successful ingredients used by brewers.

Behind every fruit beer, however, is a significant amount of trial and testing. Brewers say one of the biggest challenges is ensuring the fruit complements the beer. "The fruit should support the beer, not completely take over it. We work carefully on balancing the fruit flavour with the malt sweetness, hop bitterness, yeast character and acidity so that the final beer still tastes smooth, balanced and true to its style," says Vijay. Getting that balance right can determine whether a fruit beer feels refreshing and complex or overly sweet and one-dimensional.

Many breweries are also exploring ingredients that are less familiar than mango. Kokum, jackfruit, raw mango, falsa, jamun and tamarind are increasingly appearing in seasonal and limited-edition releases, giving brewers new possibilities for experimentation. Local fruits, at Mannheim Craft Brewery, are seen as an opportunity to create beers with a stronger connection to Indian tastes. "Indian fruits offer an incredible range of flavours that are still largely unexplored in craft brewing. Consumers immediately connect with these ingredients because they evoke memories or nostalgia and regional food experiences. I believe the future of Indian craft beer lies in creating products that cannot be easily replicated elsewhere," says head brewer Varsha Bhat.

Social media has also played a major role in the popularity of fruit beers. Their vibrant colours and unusual flavour combinations attract attention online, helping breweries connect directly with consumers. Brewers say platforms like Instagram have become valuable tools for sharing the stories behind ingredients, seasonal releases and brewing experiments.

With local ingredients, seasonal releases and customers eager to try new flavours, brewers see plenty of room for the category to expand in the years ahead. For drinkers, that means taproom menus are likely to feature an even wider range of fruit-forward brews. So, the next time you enter a Bengaluru brewery, expect the city's newest taste in a fruit-filled pint.

CITY READ

Luxury chocolate brand unveils new chocolate range

Fabelle Chocolates, ITC's homegrown luxury chocolate brand, launched its new 64 per cent dark chocolate range which includes paired flavours like cranberry noir, orange eclipse, a no-added-sugar dark chocolate bar and dark symphony, which is a box of 10 handcrafted pralines curated with no added sugar and a medley of almond, macadamia, pecan, hazelnut and pistachio. Crafted with Ghana-origin cocoa, the brand explores how paired inclusions can enhance the dark chocolate experience.

Engineering students develop women's safety device

The Department of Computer Science & Engineering at East Point College of Engineering & Technology, Hiranahalli, has developed a 'Smart Women Security System Using IoT' – a compact wearable safety device that provides real-time emergency assistance and improves women's personal safety. Developed by students Abhinav Mallappa Radder, Abhishek Gowda MS, Madhan MS and Rekha S under the guidance of Dr Kesavan MV, the project integrates multiple technologies, including GSM, GPS, IoT sensors, cloud connectivity and health monitoring systems. The wearable prototype detects emergencies such as sudden falls, abnormal movement, unsafe surroundings, or distress scenarios and instantly sends SMS alerts with live GPS location to family members or emergency contacts.

FOCUS FEATURE

CPPA Premieres 'Rhythms of Life'; Bengaluru Moved by Powerful Storytelling

The Centre for Peace & Performing Arts (CPPA), a global arts-based nonprofit with chapters in 10 cities worldwide, successfully premiered 'Rhythms of Life' at Jagriti Theatre in Bengaluru. The unique cultural evening blended Europe's Opera with India's Odissi dance, featuring acclaimed CPPA artists Rinjini Mitra and Baisali Mohanty (Odissi), Aastha Mohapatra (Opera), and guest performer Dr. Raksha Karthik (Bharatanatyam). 'Rhythms of Life' explored life's journey through the five elements, the human spirit, and timeless themes of love and longing. The Odissi performances celebrated grace and emotional depth, while the Opera segment traversed Arabic compositions and the poetry of Rabindranath Tagore, highlighting the borderless nature of art across



cultures and generations. Bharatanatyam brought to life enduring characters whose stories continue to resonate across time.

A major highlight was CPPA's original productions—The Child Within, She Exists, and Peace Anthem—which received acclaim for their emotional power and messages of humanity, resilience, harmony, and interconnectedness.

Founded in 2021, CPPA is a global peacebuilding organization that uses the performing arts to foster social cohesion and meaningful dialogue across communities.



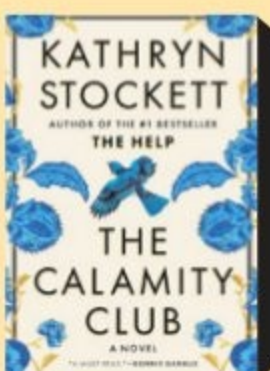
Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to bengaluru.cityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'. Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*.

- 1 A state-owned guest house is in the news after the Karnataka government plans to renovate the structure and convert it into the Chief Minister's official residence. Name this stately bungalow, which was once the private residence of K Seshadri Iyer, who served as the Dewan of Mysore state from 1883 to 1901. In 1915, the Mysore government bought the property and converted it into a guest house for important guests of the state. The building, known for its remarkable architecture, is one of the iconic heritage structures in Bengaluru and has housed many important personalities, including Mahatma Gandhi, during his visits to Bengaluru. Is it Kumara Krupa Guest House or Balabrooie Guest House?
- 2 A state-owned guest house was set to be demolished and converted into a legislators' club a decade ago. The plan was stalled, and the historic building was rescued after a stern protest from historians and heritage lovers in the city. The stately mansion, built in the 1850s, was used as the residence of Sir Mark Cubbon, the chief commissioner of Mysore state. Many great personalities, including Jawaharlal Nehru, Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore & Sir M Visvesvaraya, stayed here. Name the guest house.
- 3 Nehru Nilaya, a state-owned guest house run by the horticulture department, located in one of the historic hills on the outskirts towards the north of Bengaluru and built in 1848, was once the summer residence of Sir Mark Cubbon, the chief commissioner of Mysore state. Mahatma Gandhi stayed here for a week in 1927 and for 45 days in 1936 on the advice of his physician to have a complete rest after a brief illness. Name the historic hills.

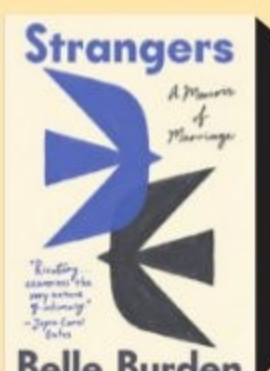
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The Calamity Club

By Kathryn Stockett

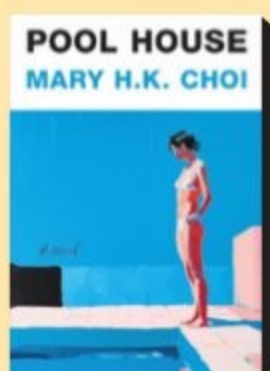
Eleven-year-old Meg Lefleur has learned the hard way to rely on no one. Ever since her beloved mother failed to come home last Christmas Eve, she's been one of the 'unadoptable' girls at the town's orphanage.



Strangers: A Memoir of Marriage

By Belle Burden

On a chilly day in March of 2020, in the early days of the pandemic, Belle Burden's husband of twenty years announced, with no prior warning, that he was leaving her.



Pool House

By Mary H.K. Choi

The book is a course charted through the wilderness of motherhood, a story about the challenges of navigating class, fame, burgeoning sexuality and grief as two women grapple with what it means to grow up and grow older in Tinseltown.



Anatomy of an Alibi

By Ashley Elston

Two women. One dead husband. And only one alibi. Everyone at Chantilly's Bar noticed out-of-towner Camille Bayliss. Red lips, designer heels, sipping a Negroni. But that woman wasn't Camille Bayliss. It was Aubrey Price.



COLOUR KALEIDOSCOPE

A woman immersed in the colours of art displayed at the Mavericks of Narratives exhibition at MKF Museum of Art, Lavelle Road | **KEVIN NASHON**

QUICKFIX

CHILLI CHEESE TOAST

INGREDIENTS

- **Bread:** 2-3 slices
- **Butter:** 1 tsp
- **Green chilli:** 2-3, finely chopped
- **Cheese:** 2 cubes, grated
- **Coriander leaves:** 1 bunch
- **Salt:** to taste

METHOD

- Cut the bread in half and place it on a plate.
- To a bowl, add butter, cheese, green chilli, salt and coriander leaves. Mix them.
- Spread it on the bread.
- Toss the bread in a pan with some butter until the cheese melts.
- Serve hot.



Contributed by **Divya Y**, Hyderabad

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Flaunt Your Talent

Ever wished to perform on a stage? Grab this opportunity to showcase your talent in standup comedy, live music, singing, poetry or storytelling with an informal, yet interactive environment for beginners and experienced performers alike.

🕒 **WHEN:** June 17, 7pm
📍 **WHERE:** Huddle Coffee Co, Hennur Gardens 📞 **CALL:** 96866 47373



Dear Reader

At this event, share your latest read with a small group of fellow readers. Discuss the book, your reading journey and leave with new bookish friends.

🕒 **WHEN:** June 17, 7pm
📍 **WHERE:** Fabrizio - Creative Art & Craft Lounge, BTM Layout
📞 **CALL:** 73861 41621



Cuppa Creativity

Are you bored of looking at generic cup designs? Have fun designing quirky cups that you can sip your coffee, tea or any drink from. With all supplies included, create unique cups that can become conversation-starters while also showcasing your personality.

🕒 **WHEN:** June 17, 2pm onwards
📍 **WHERE:** Thirdspace, SG Palya
📞 **CALL:** 97394 79209



Golf It Out

Enjoy a morning at a golf range that offers food and drinks to replenish your energy. Whether you are picking up a new sport or honing an existing skill, indulge in an hour of golf with music, group activities and professional coaching. 🕒 **WHEN:** June 18, 11am 📍 **WHERE:** SkyGolf Club & Kitchen, Halasahalli 📞 **CALL:** 81237 75558

Taste for Drama

Free yourself with unscripted performances at this improv theatre workshop where you get to engage in improv exercises guided by facilitators. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced actor, learn to explore new characters and scenarios on the spot.

🕒 **WHEN:** June 17, 8pm
📍 **WHERE:** Underline Center, Indiranagar
📞 **CALL:** 97905 32594



Knock Out

Enhance your fitness goals with Mixed Martial Arts where you can learn striking, grappling and self-defense techniques with experienced instructors. It's meant for beginners and includes cardio and strength workouts to challenge your body and mind.

🕒 **WHEN:** June 17, 8.30pm
📍 **WHERE:** NY Knockout Academy, Bilekahalli 📞 **CALL:** 97312 64950



Introspecting Bengaluru

Join Prem Chandravarkar, an architect and civic thinker, as he examines how power is distributed in the city, the history and role of urban governance and how citizens can shape the city's future. The lecture is followed by a 45-minute Q&A session and includes a complimentary beer and an appetiser or mocktail.



🕒 **WHEN:** June 17, 7pm 📍 **WHERE:** Fandom at Gilly's Redefined, Koramangala 📞 **DETAILS:** urbanaut.app

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29 (Tamil)

A quirky young man named Sathya experiences a series of hilarious misadventures and unlikely encounters, which ultimately lead him to embrace life's second chances.

Cast: Preethi Asrani, Vidhu
● **Watch on:** Netflix

RAAKH (Hindi, series)

Set in 1978, the series follows the relentless manhunt launched to track down the killers of two teenagers in Delhi while exploring the disturbing psyche of the men behind the crime.

Cast: Sonali Bendre, Ali Fazal, Akash Makhija
● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

THE POLYGAMIST (English/Zulu, series)

Social media darling, Joyce, is the picture of marital perfection, until her cheating husband's conquests ignite a scandalous emotional meltdown.

Cast: Gugu Gurnede, S'dumo Mtshali, Kwanele Mthethwa
● **Watch on:** Netflix



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5 YOGA PRACTICES FOR BETTER BALANCE

Balance is not just standing on one leg. It depends on the feet, ankles, hips, core, eyesight and the body's ability to sense position. Like strength, balance improves when practised regularly. These five practices are simple and can be done at home. Stand near a wall or chair and use support whenever needed.

1. STANDING WEIGHT SHIFTS

Stand with feet hip-width apart. Keep one hand lightly on a wall or chair. Slowly shift weight to the right foot, then to the left foot, without lifting either foot. Keep the knees soft and the spine tall. Repeat eight to 10 times.

2. HEEL RAISES

Stand near a wall or chair. Rise slowly onto the toes, then lower the heels with control. Keep the weight even on both feet. Do 10 to 12 repetitions. This strengthens the calves and improves ankle control.

3. TANDEM STANCE

Stand with one foot directly in front of the other, like standing on a narrow line. Keep the gaze steady at one point. Use wall support if needed. Hold for 10 to 20 seconds, then change sides.

4. SUPPORTED KNEE LIFT

Stand tall and hold a wall or chair. Shift weight to one leg and slowly lift the other knee only as high as comfortable. Keep the standing knee soft and the hips level. Lower with control. Do five to eight repetitions on each side.

5. VRIKSHASANA VARIATION (SUPPORTED TREE POSE)

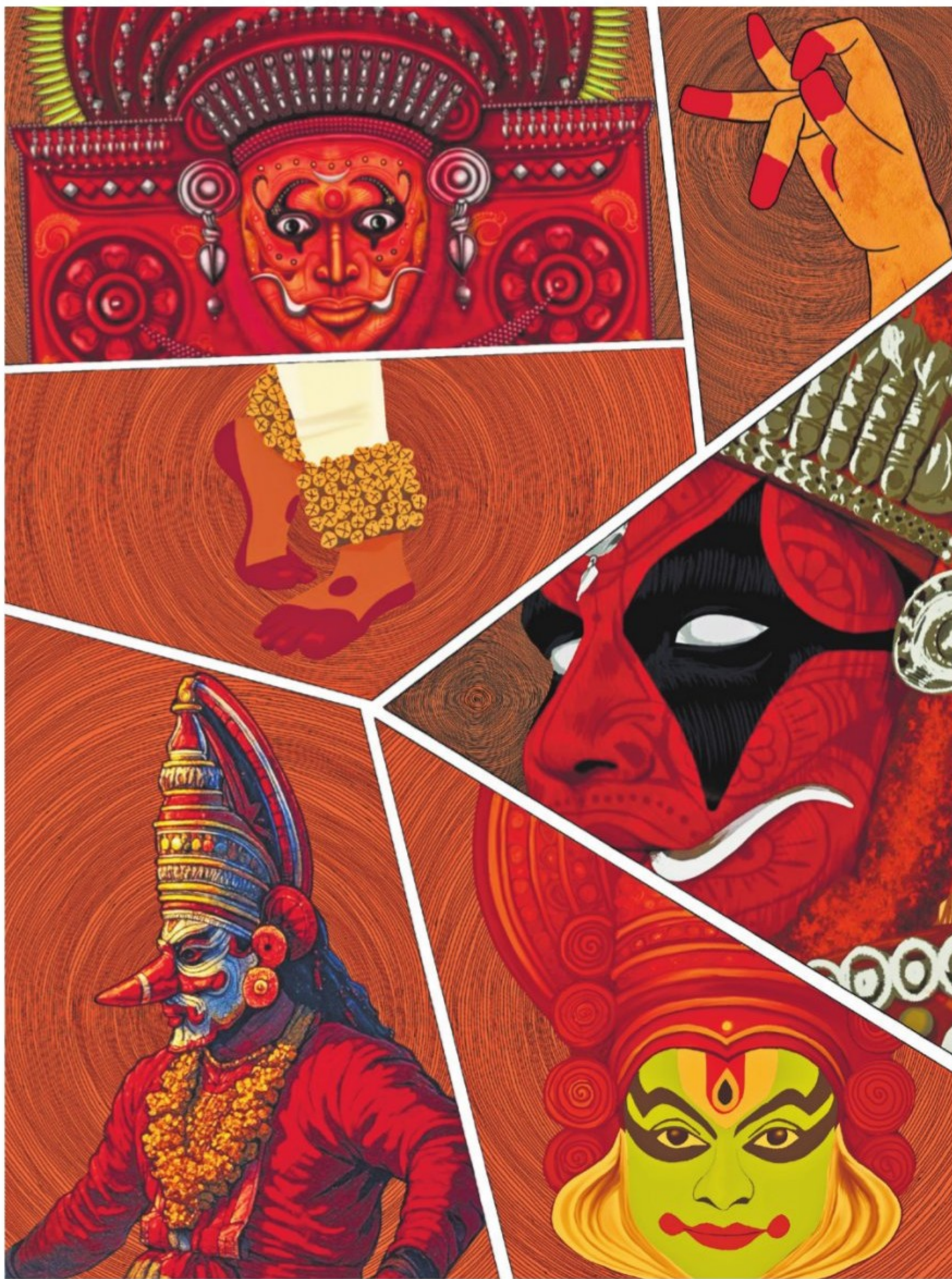
Stand near a wall or chair. Place one foot on the ankle or calf of the standing leg, never on the knee joint. Keep the standing knee soft and the hips level. Hold for a few breaths and change sides.

Practise slowly for five to 10 minutes. Stop if there is dizziness, sharp pain or loss of control. If you have frequent falls or severe balance issues, consult a doctor or physiotherapist.



By Naveen Sharma, Yoga Expert at Yoga Circle by Cult - a fitness and wellness platform

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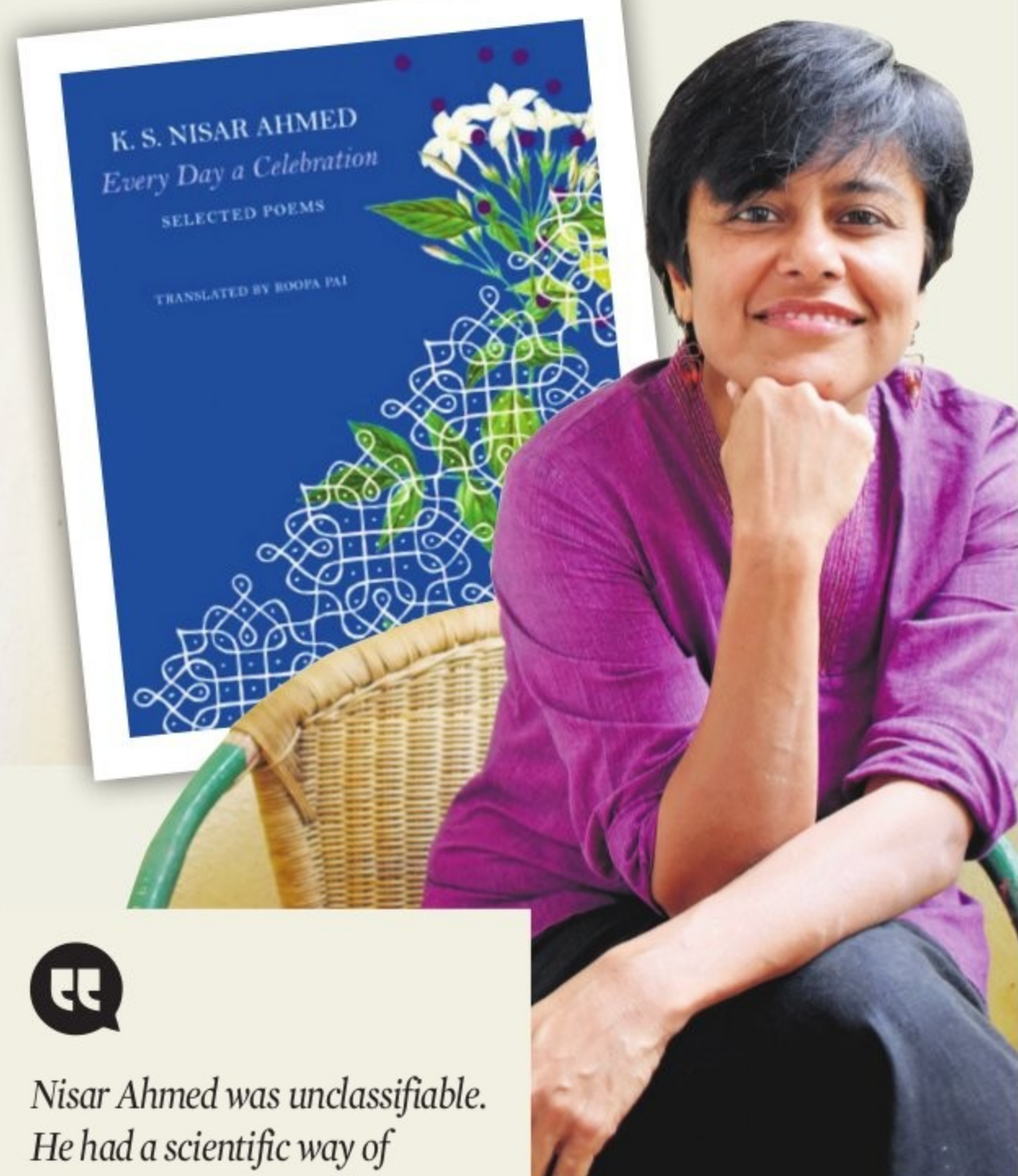


CLASSICAL CREATIONS

Thrissur-based artist Krishna Kishor K's work portrays the connect between devotion and performance

Children's book author Roopa Pai's debut translation project is a collection of 100 poems by iconic Kannada poet KS Nisar Ahmed, best known for his poem-turned-song *Nityotsava*

POET WITHOUT BORDERS



MAHIMA NAGARAJU

JOGADA siri belakinnalli, tungeya tene balukinnalli, sahyadriya lohadalira uttugada nilukinnalli,' these lines which capture the natural beauty of this land – the Jog falls, the Tungabhadra river, the Sahyadris – from KS Nisar Ahmed's *Nityotsava* are words that every Kannada speaker has heard.

The poet himself, known by most for his simple language and his poems which were turned into songs (*Kurigalu Saar Kurigalu, Naada Deviye*) is a household name. Roopa Pai, too, knew him for these poems, but as she unearthed and read more of the nearly 600 poems he composed in his lifetime, what struck her was the sheer range of his work.

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Roopa Pai, author

he had an opinion about something, but stated it in such beautiful language. Some of his poems have rhyme and some are free verse but when you read them aloud there is a rhythm," says the author, whose debut work of transla-

tion, *Every Day a Celebration* (Seagull; ₹799) has 100 of Ahmed's poems across 14 poetry collections. The project began 10 years ago when Pai started translating a Kannada poem each day in November for her readers on Facebook. When she met Ahmed at a literary event a few months later, his approval of a translation she showed him gave her the push to turn it into a complete collection.

Ahmed himself chose the poems, shares Pai, saying, "He used to complain that everybody knows him from the same three poems, so he may have been picking poems that had not been translated into English before, which demonstrated the different kinds of poems he had written and the breadth of his subjects."

Although he did not live to see the book published, Ahmed did see a finished draft, as Pai notes, "I was working on other projects and when I had a few weeks off, I'd do 10 poems. This needed a kind of immersion. It couldn't be something I did at the end of a day of writing something else. I had finished around 80 poems by 2019 and given it to him. He would call me every two months or so asking 'where are the poems?' He was really on my case," she laughs, adding, "In March, when I finally finished them, he said, 'Actually good job, this was quite fast' and congratulated me. I think he must have fallen sick almost immediately after that."

Throughout the translation process, a commitment to the

musicality that Pai so loved in the Kannada poems, guided her choices. She also calls this her biggest challenge too, saying, "I knew I could translate the content but retaining the beautiful cadences, physicality, rhythm and alliteration in a way that didn't sound stilted to the reader in English was the biggest challenge." Although Ahmed's poems themselves borrow words from Urdu, English and Sanskrit, Pai does not often retain original words, choosing ease of reading instead.

Initially, Pai had wanted an interview with Ahmed to be the foreword to the collection but in his absence, turned to interviews with Kannada litterateurs to contextualise him and his work. Noting that his name is often buried among the lists of Kannada poets, Pai explains, "People tend to think that for something to be literary or considered a great poem, it has to be difficult to understand. If it's too simple, or uses colloquial language and modern expressions, then it is not placed on as high of a pedestal."

She hopes people take away with them 'the capriciousness of spirit that survives in his poetry and the possibility to live in the world, embracing many identities and transcending them all. And above all, it's possible for a poet not to belong to any genre but explore his creativity with a breadth of interests.'

(Every Day a Celebration will be launched on June 27 at Bookworm, Church Street)

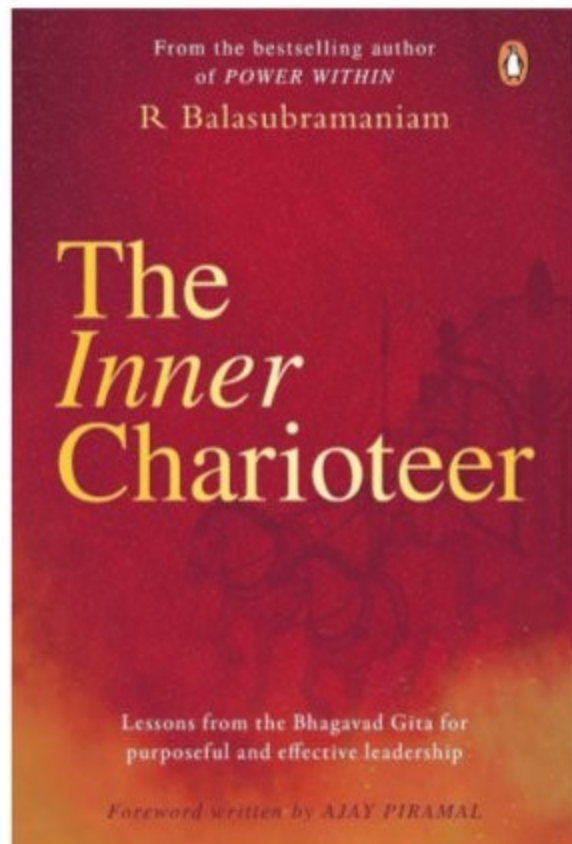


KS Nisar Ahmed

NUGGETS

Book rethinks ancient scripture as leaders' operating manual

The Inner Charioteer (Penguin Random House; ₹999) by Dr R Balasubramaniam turns to the Gita as a practical operating manual for human existence. The dialogue between Arjuna and Krishna mirrors the dilemmas every leader faces – the paralysis of responsibility, the fog of doubt, the pull of temptation, the hunger for visibility and the struggle to act ethically in uncertainty. Born from four decades of questions lived out in the field, among tribal communities in the Western Ghats, in policy corridors, in the slow discipline of institution-building, the book explores the foundations that anchor leaders when outcomes fail and ego threatens judgement. Each chapter engages with the Gita's themes through provocations, stories and practical tips.



AFFIDAVIT
 I, Ms. Tincy C J, D/o C D Jose, age 40 years, presently R/at No.7, Sopanam, 3rd Cross, Pukhray Layout, Near Mahalakshmi Rocks, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560 030 do hereby inform the general public that I am born on 16.12.1985 at BJ M Hospital Pallam, Pallamin Kottayam District of the State of Kerala. By oversight, my date of birth has been wrongly recorded as 16.01.1986 as opposed to 16.12.1985, in my personal documents such as Aadhar Card, PAN Card, Passport, as well as educational records such as SSLC Marks card, PUC marks card, BA degree certificate from Bangalore University, MA degree certificate from Indira Gandhi Open University, B.Ed from Christ University. The above error has been recorded in my bank records such as HDFC bank, ICICI Bank as well as the post office, vide affidavit dated 09-06-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary JALANDHARA at Bangalore.

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 I, K KAVITHA, Wife of C Mani Maran, born on 28 May 1979 residing at No.115/8, Ground Floor 5th Cross, Seenappa Garden Vinayakanagar, M S Palya Vidyanarayana, Bangalore – 560097, have changed my name from M. KAVITHA to K KAVITHA vide affidavit dated 16/06/2026 at Bangalore.

NAME DECLARATION
 I, Mrs. Maya Rajeev Nair, wife of Mr. Rajeev Nair, aged 68 years, residing at No. 61, MKK Road, Srirampura, Bangalore North, Karnataka-560021. My name is mentioned as "Maya Nair" in certain documents, records correspondences, and other papers, my name is also mentioned as "Maya Rajeev Nair" in certain official documents including my Aadhar Card, Passport, and other identity records. I state that the names "Maya Nair" and "Maya Rajeev Nair" refer to one and the same person, identified by both the aforesaid names and that both names belong to me only. vide Affidavit dated 13.06.2026 before Notary Raja Mohan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, JAI SHRI JAIN, W/o Sudhir Kumbhat, age 51 years, R/o ESS EMM Enterprises, Luxman Rao Road, B.V.K. Iyengar Road, Chickpet, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560 053 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from JAISHRI JAIN (old name) to JAI SHRI JAIN (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as JAI SHRI JAIN (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 15th June 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary T.C. THIMMARAJA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, ABDUL RAHEEM M S/o. Yogan Mohammed, Address: 238/1, GroundFloor, Jalakantesh warapura, Near Majid Road, 9th Cross, Wilson Garden, Adugodi Post, Bangalore - 560030, have changed my name from ABDUL RAHEEM to ABDUL RAHEEM M, vide affidavit dated 16/6/2026 sworn to before B M Chandra shekar Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
 I, MOHUDDU NEERAN, S/o. Abdul Hameed Rahim M, aged about 54 years, R/at No.25, 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, Srinivasa Reddy Layout, Wov Cars, Nayanaappanahalli, Bannerghatta Road Post, Bangalore-560 076, I have changed my name from JALEELA JALVA.M.S to M. SIKANDAR JALEELA JALVA vide Affidavit Date 9/6/2026 Advocate and Notary by Sumithra N

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, NETHRAVATHI R Alias Nethra Raju, D/o Raju G, R/at No.144, Chikkaneckundi Layout, Near Yellamma Temple, Madhuranagar 3rd Stage, Varthur, Bangalore-560087 have changed my name from Nethravathi R Alias Nethra Raju to Nethra Dennis vide affidavit dated 16/06/2026 sworn before Notary Yankoba, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, (OLD NAME) ABDUL SALAM KHADER, residing at No.11, P No-3rd Street, Armstrong Road, Near Baidwadi Masjid, Bharathinagar, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 560001, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) ABDUL SALAM KHADER to (NEW NAME) ABDUL SALAM vide affidavit dated 16.06.2026 sworn before Notary B.V.Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, Mrs. ANITA PAWAR, aged 34 years, W/o Baddusing Pawar, residing at No.145, Kommeghatta Main Road, Arunachalam Layout, Kengeri Upanagara, Bangalore-560060, do hereby solemnly state that I have changed my name from "ANITA RATHOD" (Old Name) to "ANITA PAWAR" (New Name) vide affidavit dated 15.06.2026 sworn to Notary Ravi, B.A., LL.B.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, VEDANTH. B (New Name), of MAHALINGAPPAB. (Old Name), Son of Basavaraju, Residing at No. 48, Ground Floor, Sai Baba Enclave, Suprabhattha Nagar, Karibonbanahalli, Nagasandra, Bengaluru 560073. I have changed my name from "MAHALINGAPPAB." (Old Name) to "VEDANTH. B" (New Name), hereafter called, Known & Designate and address me only new name of "VEDANTH. B" vide Affidavit dated 11.06.2026 before Notary G.Dayananda, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
 I, IMITIYAZ PASHA, S/o Late Abdul Rahman, age 72 years, R/at No. 26/3, 13th B Cross, Govindapura Main Road, Arabic College, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560045 do hereby declare that my correct name is IMITIYAZ PASHA and the same is mentioned in all my documents, but in the Sale Deed, my name is wrongly mentioned as IMITIYAZ instead of IMITIYAZ PASHA and in E-Khattha and tax paid receipt my name is wrongly mentioned as IMITIAZ instead of IMITIYAZ PASHA, vide affidavit dated 15-06-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary R.S. VIJAY at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, NARAYANA KUMAR, S/o. Narayana, resident of No. 34, 1st Main Road, New Timber Yard Layout, Raghuva Nagara, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560026, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from NARAYANAPPA KUMAR to NARAYANA KUMAR, vide affidavit dated 15.06.2026, sworn to before Mamatha .N.K, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 I, Farzana W/o Mohammed Hanief aged about 36 years, residing at #7, 16th C Main, J.C.Nagar, Kurubarahalli, Bangalore North, Mahalakshimpuram Layout, Bengaluru Karnataka 560086, I have changed my name from Farzana Hanief to FARZANA vide Affidavit Date 15/6/26 Advocate And Notary by Puttaramaiah

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, Ramakrishna Rao. M, aged about 79 years, S/o Late Sheshappa, residing at No.1-29, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Arvinda Vidyalaya, Kirsoskar Colony, 3rd Stage, PO, Basaveswara, Bengaluru-560 079, hereby declare that Ramakrishna Rao. M and Ramakrishna Rao. G.S. both the names belong to one & the same person i.e., myself only, vide affidavit dated 18/05/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary Lakshmaiah, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, MARTINA PERCY. I, daughter of A. Irudaya Nathan, aged 33 years, residing at #95, Nethaneel, Esther Greens Layout, Kada Agrahara Bangalore -560077, do hereby declare that MARTINA PERCY MARIAN and MARTINA PERCY I. are my names and belong to one and the same person, vide affidavit dated 15/06/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary D.Rajanna, K.Narayanapura, Bangalore-560077

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, Sumitabh Agarwal, residing at C - 127, 307/1, Ibbur, Sarjapura ORR, Bengaluru, 560102, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sumitabh Aggarwal, for all purposes. Vide affidavit dated 16.06.2026 sworn before Notary Ambreshappa.

AFFIDAVIT
 I, GEETHA KUPPUSWAMY, D/o Late Kuppuswamy, age 63 years, R/o #237, Avenue Jean Jaures 77550, Moissy, Cramayel, France do hereby declare that both the names i.e. GEETHA KUPPUSWAMY and GEETHA KUPPUSWAMY are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 30-05-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary GANESH GOWDA M.V. at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, MUTHYA PILLAI BALACHANDAR, aged 60 years, S/o. Muthiah Pillai, R/o. No.101, 1st Floor SSS Apartment, 5th Cross, Vidyanagar, Jai Bhuvaneshri Layout, K. R. Puram, Bangalore 560036, Karnataka State have changed my name from MUTHYA PILLAI BALACHANDAR to BALACHANDER MUTHIAHPILLAI vide Affidavit dated: 15/06/2026 before Notary GANGARAJU. B.N. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, Bhargavi Keeker R/at. # 143, P & K Heights, Flat No.2, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, HMT Layout, 2nd Block, 13th Main Vidyanarayana, Bengaluru - 560097, have changed my name from Bhargavi Keeker K to Bhargavi Keeker, vide affidavit dated 10/6/2026 sworn to before Varjia C J Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
 We, 1) VALLIKUMAR ARUMUGHAM PILLAI, S/o. Arumugham Pillai, aged about 48 years and 2) SUMATHI ARUMUGHAM, W/o. Vallikumar Arumugham Pillai, aged about 47 years, both reside at No. 24, 1st Main, 1st Cross, B. Chikkanna Layout, Maheshwari Nagar, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560048, do hereby declare that in our daughter LAKSHMYA VALLIKUMAR'S Xth Marks Card my name i.e. father's name has been mentioned as VALLIKUMAR ARUMUGHAM PILLAI i.e. in father's name column of our daughter's Xth Marks card) instead of VALLIKUMAR ARUMUGHAM PILLAI i.e. ("H" was left out in Arumugham). My name is correctly mentioned in my Aadhar card and my wife's Aadhar card and also in our daughter's Aadhar Card, vide affidavit dated 12.06.2026, sworn to before XXXVIII Advt. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, SAROJA K N, Date of Birth 05.02.1961 and residing at No.280, 16th Cross, Kirsoskar Layout, Bangalore North, Nagasandra, Bangalore North, Bangalore- 560073, Karnataka have changed my name to K S SAROJA vide affidavit dated 15/06/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary Uday Kariyappa B.G., Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, EREGOWDA GOUTHEHALI S/o Subbedevagowda, R/at NO.41/7th Cross, Shiva Temple, Athmananda Colony, Sultanpalya, R.T.Nagar post, Bangalore-560032. have Changed my name to GOWTHAVALLI EREGOWDA, vide affidavit dated 14-06-2026. Sworn before notary LEELA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, HEMALATHA KRISHNAPPA W/O Shivakumar, residing at No. 16/1 park road, cox town, Jeevanahalli, Bangalore: 560005, do hereby solemnly declare that HEMALATHA SHIVAKUMAR and HEMALATHA KRISHNAPPA both the names are one and the same. I further declare that I have changed my name from HEMALATHA SHIVAKUMAR to HEMALATHA KRISHNAPPA vide Affidavit dated 15.06.2026, sworn before Notary Uday Kumar K, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
 I, NARAPUREDDY LAKSHMI PREETHI, D/o Mrs. Narapureddy Swarnalatha, R/o No. 11/107, Viratnagar, Gopavaram, Proddatur, Cuddapah, Andhra Pradesh-516360, presently R/at No.16 & 17, 2nd Cross, Near Basar Street, KR Puram, Bengaluru-560 036 do hereby declare that my mother's name before marriage was NARAPUREDDY SWARNALATHA, after her marriage, her name has changed to NARAPUREDDY SUDHA RANI, both the names are one and the same and refers to my mother only, vide affidavit dated 16th June 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary SRINATHA D.R at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, CHAITANYA KUMBHAT JAIN, D/o Sudhir Kumbhat, age 18 years, R/o ESS EMM Enterprises, Luxman Rao Road, B.V.K. Iyengar Road, Chickpet, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560 053 do hereby declare that in my passport my mother's name is wrongly mentioned as JAISHRI KUMBHAT instead of correct name JAI SHRI JAIN, vide affidavit dated 15th June 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary T.C. THIMMARAJA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, MANJUNATH S S, aged about 44 years, S/o.Sreeramulu S H, Residing at 1750, 1st Floor East End A Main road, 9th Block Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560099, I declare that have changed my father's name from SREERAMULU to SREERAMULU S H, vide affidavit dated 15/6/2026 sworn to before H S Dharma Prasad Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, K K RAJASIMMAN (New Name), S/o. KP Kaliyappan, residing at No.86, Old 6, 3rd Main Road, Annaiyappa Layout, Sarakk Village, J P Nagar 1st phase, Bangalore south, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560078, India, declare that I have changed the name from K K RAJASIMMAN (Old Name) to K K RAJASIMMAN (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as K K RAJASIMMAN (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated:16-06-2026 before Notary H.S.Dharma Prasad, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, KAVITHA KUMAR VELU W/o A. Kuma Velu, aged 52 years, Residing at No.22, 2nd Cross, ITC Colony, Near Purva Park Apartment, Cox Town, Jeevana halli, Bengaluru - 560005, have changed my name from KAVITHA LOGANATHAN to KAVITHA KUMAR VELU, vide affidavit dated 16/6/2026 sworn to before M Narendran Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, PUTTEGOWDA GOUTHEHALI EREGOWDA S/o Gowthavalli Eregowda, R/at NO.41/7th Cross, Shiva Temple, Athmananda Colony, Sultanpalya, R.T.Nagar post, Bangalore-560032. have Changed my name to PUTTEGOWDA GOWTHAVALLI EREGOWDA, vide affidavit dated 14-06-2026. Sworn before notary LEELA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, (OLD NAME) PREMA PG, mother of No.1612368SN, LHAV SUJITH PR, residing at Palakkode House, Kottayal (VII),Chennangad (Post), Alathur (Tehsil), Palakkad (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 678573, Have Changed my name to (NEW NAME) PREMAKUMARI P G And DOB from 05.07.1970 to 25.06.1967 Vide Affidavit Dated15.06.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, PUNITHA ARUMUGHAM, W/o ARASAN KUSAN, aged about 45 years, residing at SSVA Lotus Pond Apartment, B Block, B 104, First Floor, Halasahalli Road, Varthur, Bangalore, Karnataka-560087. I have changed my name from "PUNITHA ARUMUGHAM." (Old Name) to "PUNITHA ARASAN" (New Name), hereafter called, Known & Designate and address me only new name of "PUNITHA ARASAN" vide Affidavit dated 16.06.2026 before Notary, Yenkoba Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, VIJAY KUMAR MUNIVENKATA, S/o. Munivenkata Muniswamy, aged 49 years, resident of No. 17, 6th C Cross, Patel Extension, C.V. Ramana Nagar Post, Kaggadaspura, Opposite to Scion Glade Apartment, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560093, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from VIJAYA KUMAR MUNIVENKATAPPA S/o. Munivenkattappa to VIJAY KUMAR MUNIVENKATA, S/o. Munivenkata Muniswamy, vide affidavit dated 15.06.2026, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, DARA VIJAYA LAXMI, aged about 42 years, D/o. Bhaskar Rao, residing at C/o Maddela Madan Mohan, Villa No. 37, Dwarakamai Apex, Kannanagallu, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560067, do hereby declare that VIJAYA LAKSHMI D/o. Bhaskar Rao, as appearing in my SSC Certificate and educational records, and DARA VIJAYA LAXMI, as appearing in my Aadhar Card and PAN Card, are one and the same person, vide affidavit dated 15.06.2026 sworn before Rajanna S.M., Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru. Henceforth, I shall be known and identified as DARA VIJAYA LAXMI for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, K K RAJASIMMAN (New Name), S/o. KP Kaliyappan, residing at No.86, Old 6, 3rd Main Road, Annaiyappa Layout, Sarakk Village, J P Nagar 1st phase, Bangalore south, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560078, India, declare that I have changed the name from K K RAJASIMMAN (Old Name) to K K RAJASIMMAN (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as K K RAJASIMMAN (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated:16-06-2026 before Notary H.S.Dharma Prasad, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, (OLD NAME) BHAVIKA R. CHAJED, residing at Flat No.401, 4th Floor, Siddh Shekha, Marquis, Near Ramakrishna Ashram, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560 004, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) BHAVIKA R. CHAJED to (NEW NAME) BHAVIKA JAIN vide affidavit dated 15.06.2026 sworn before Notary V.Rajashekhar, B.A., LL.B., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, (OLD NAME) ZAHEDA BHI, W/o Late Syed Ghouse Peer, residing at No.1472, 4th Cross, Corporation Colony, Govindraj Nagar, Basaveswara, Bangalore - 560079, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) ZAHEDA BHI to (NEW NAME) JAHEDABI vide affidavit dated 16.06.2026 sworn before Notary M.K.Devaki, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, SERVICE No.1533012F, HAV, ROOPESH MV, residing at Sreeragam, Pavuvayal, Kollam (Post), Koyilandy (Tk), Kozhikode (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 673307, Have Changed my (OLD NAME) ROOPESH MV to (NEW NAME) ROOPESH M V Vide Affidavit Dated 15.06.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, RUGMINI WARRIER, R/at #E-104, Renaissance Exotica, Jakkur Plantation Road, Bengaluru-560 064 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from RUGMANI RAMAKRISHNA WARRIER to RUGMINI WARRIER, henceforth I shall be known and called as RUGMINI WARRIER for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th June 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary N. NAGAPPA at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
 I, ARNAV SARAN, aged about 18 years, S/o. Sandeep Saran, residing at No.A204, Silver Ripples, Borewell Road, Opposite Top In Town Store, Whitefield, Thubarahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560086, do hereby declare that ARNAV SANDEEP SARAN and ARNAV SARAN all the above mentioned names refers to me only none other else. I would like to retain the name ARNAV SARAN instead of ARNAV SANDEEP SARAN, vide affidavit dated 16.06.2026, sworn to before M. Krishnamurthy, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of Karnataka, Hoskote.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, VENKAT MANI, Son of Sri. Sthanu Subramaniam (S.V. Mani), aged about 70 years, Residing at Flat No. C 1307, 13th Floor, Golden Gate Block C Candeur Landmark, Sarjapur - Varthur Road, State Highway 35, Gunjur Village, Bangalore - 560 087, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from MANI.S. VENKATACHALAM VS MANI @ VENKATACHALAM STHANU SUBRAMANIAM to VENKAT MANI vide affidavit dated 15.06.2026 sworn before Vijayalakshmi K, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, THARUN SHARATH, aged about 19 years, S/o Mr. RAMAMURTHY SHARATH, residing at No. 55, Subhalaya Shop Street, Basavanagudi, Bangalore: 560004, have changed my name from THARUN SHARATH to THARUN SASTRY SHARATH for all legal purposes vide affidavit dated: 15.06.2026 before advocate and notary Mohammed Hussian. K Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, SANJANA TUMKUR ANJAN, aged about 22 years, D/o. Savitha Krishnan, residing at # 54, 8th 'B' Main, 4th 'C' Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034, hereby declare that SANJANA TUMKUR ANJAN and SANJANA T A both the names belong to one & the same person i.e., myself only & continue my name in future as SANJANA TUMKUR ANJAN vide affidavit dated: 15.06.2026 before advocate and notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

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IF CINEMA WINS, THE HERO WINS: SHEELAM

A SHARADHAA

FOR most aspiring actors, the dream begins in front of the camera. For Sheelam M Swamy, it began behind it. Long before he found himself headlining a film, he was observing, assisting, learning, and quietly absorbing the language of cinema from one of Kannada cinema's most distinctive storytellers, Suni. Their association stretches back years. Neighbours who became collaborators, the two share a relationship built on proximity, trust and a bond that comfortably shifts between student-teacher and family-like friendship.

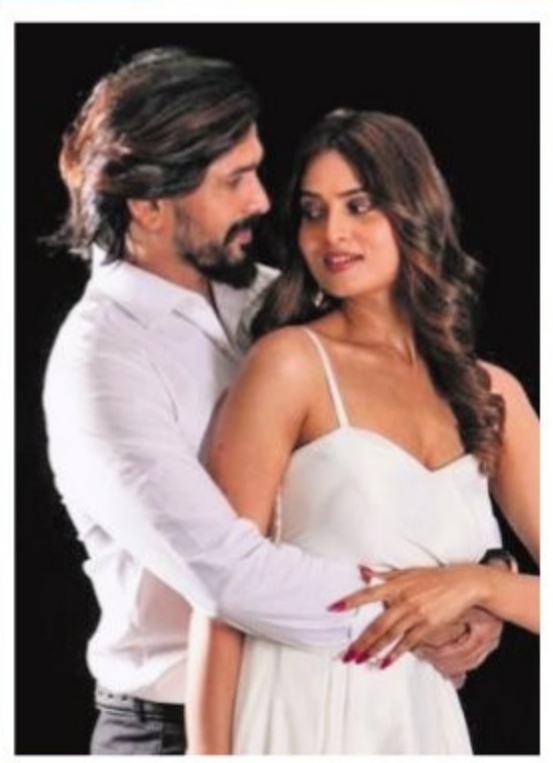
Today, that journey has come full circle with *Moda Kavida Vatavarana*, where Suni introduces Sheelam as a leading man. "Being associated with Suni sir is the silver lining of my career," says Sheelam, who has been in Suni's team since *Simple Agi Innondh Love Story* (2016).

What began as a learning opportunity gradually evolved into something more significant. He worked as an assistant and later associate director, took up small roles in Suni's films, and became a familiar face within the filmmaker's creative ecosystem.

For someone who spent years helping others tell stories, the spotlight has finally found him. "Suni sir has been an institution for me. I learnt every aspect of filmmaking under him. From direction and writing to understanding actors and performances, everything came from those years of working alongside him."

That education now forms the foundation of his acting career. Produced by Ramesh M under RAM Movies and co-produced by Shrirangraju, Lokesh Belavadi, and Goa Ramesh, *Moda Kavida Vatavarana* stars Sheelam alongside Moksha Kushal and Saathvika, along with an interesting ensemble cast. Scheduled for release on June 26, the film blends romance, mystery and science-fiction elements while exploring themes of perspective and perception.

The title itself intrigued Sheelam from the beginning. "Every person sees a cloud differently. That idea is at the heart of our film. The title reflects the theme. It is about perspective and how every individual in-



Stills from the film



terprets life differently."

Interestingly, Sheelam is not just the lead actor. He has also contributed to the story, sharing writing credits with Suni. For someone who spent years shaping stories behind the scenes, becoming the face of one feels both surreal and inevitable. "Every person who enters the film industry dreams of becoming the face of cinema one day. I am no different. But I wanted to earn that opportunity. That is why I spent years learning direction, understanding filmmaking and preparing myself."

His preparation included small but meaningful appearances in Suni's films, including *Operation Alamelamma* and *Chamak*. Though brief, those experiences brought him closer to established actors and technicians. "Working on those films allowed me to observe actors like Ganesh, Sharan, Sai Kumar, and Ashutosh Rana. Watching them work had a huge impact on me. If people today feel I can be a good artiste, a lot of that credit belongs to Suni sir."

Before cinema, Sheelam tried his hand at modelling, believing it would be a natural gateway into films. It soon taught him a valuable lesson. "Being handsome, knowing dance or fights, or even having resources, is not enough. There has to be some magic. Cinema is unpredictable. You cannot force people to accept you." What, then, is the

As Sheelam M Swamy prepares for his debut as a leading man in *Moda Kavida Vatavarana*, he reflects on mentorship, patience, and why cinema has always been his biggest dream

Suni asked him to revisit performances by actors such as Madhavan and Ganesh, performers known for bringing warmth and relatability to romantic roles. Being an associate director also proved invaluable. "It helped me understand what happens between action and cut. I know what a director is looking for because I have stood on the other side of the monitor."

At its heart, *Moda Kavida Vatavarana* remains a love story, a genre Sheelam believes never loses relevance. "Love stories are timeless. They work across generations. Ours is a feel-good film, but there is also mystery, curiosity, fear and emotional depth. Every audience member will take away something different."

As Kannada cinema continues to evolve, Sheelam hopes newcomers can contribute meaningfully to that growth. "We need more stars and more faces. We cannot depend on one or two people to carry the industry. Established stars bring audiences to theatres, and that eventually helps newcomers. We also need fresh talent creating new possibilities and bringing new audiences to Kannada cinema."

The actor reveals he turned down opportunities in television and OTT platforms because he wanted to focus entirely on cinema. Now, with his first release as a hero around the corner, he hopes audiences will embrace him with the same warmth he has extended to cinema all these years. Appropriately, his character in the film is named Cherish. "There is a reason for that name. He is talkative and full of life. I hope I can melt the hearts of audiences and cherish them with my presence."

magic he hopes to bring? "If cinema wins, the hero wins. My success alone is not important. The film should work. I completely trust my director because the story is always bigger than the individual."

That belief aligns perfectly with what he admires most about Suni's filmmaking. "The best part about Suni sir's direction is his characterisation. There is no hero worship in his films. The story is the hero. Content comes first."

That philosophy also eased the pressure of working under a director known for balancing films with stars while simultaneously introducing newcomers. "Many would find it intimidating. But because I have worked with him for years, I understand his style. Sometimes he doesn't need to say much. His expressions tell you whether he is happy with a scene or expecting something more."

To prepare for the role,



Sheelam

Having KVN Productions present my film is a big boost: GILLI NATA

The countdown has begun for the launch of a new comedy entertainer headlined by Bigg Boss Kannada Season 11 winner Gilli Nata, and directed by Chandramohan



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WE had earlier reported that Gilli Nata would star in a full-fledged comedy directed by Chandramohan, the filmmaker behind popular entertainers such as *Bombay Mitai*, *Double Engine*, *Brahmachari*, and *Forest*. The project has now been officially confirmed, with KVN Productions presenting the film. It marks the maiden production venture of Naveen and Harish.

The team has already generated curiosity with a quirky promotional video, and more details about the film are expected to be unveiled at the muhurat ceremony on June 21.

Interestingly, Gilli is not only playing

the lead but is also actively involved in the scriptwriting process alongside Chandramohan. Confirming the development, Gilli says the project is an important step in a journey he hopes will eventually lead him behind the camera. "I have always aspired to become a director someday, but acting in films is an important part of that journey," he says.

The actor believes the film will give him the right platform to establish himself as a leading man. "I am still gaining the experience of carrying a film as a lead actor. Having a director like Chandramohan helm the project, along with the backing of a banner like KVN Productions, is a huge boost for me," he adds.

Promising a wholesome entertainer, Gilli says, "We know exactly what audiences expect from a comedy film, and we intend to deliver that. This will be a complete laugh-out-loud entertainer."



Gilli Nata

Vinod Prabhakar to make a special appearance in Komal Kumar's *Rolex*

CE FEATURES

THE makers of *Rolex*, starring Komal Kumar and Sonal Monteiro, have revealed an exciting addition to the film's cast. Vinod Prabhakar, who is eagerly waiting for his next release, *Balaramana Dinagalu*, has come on board for a special role in *Rolex*.

Produced by Ambati Madhu Mohana Krishna under the Madhu Film Circuits banner, *Rolex* marks the producer's first Kannada venture. He currently serves as the President of the Andhra Film Chamber of Commerce and is backing the project on a grand scale.

Sonal Monteiro and Vinod Prabhakar previously shared screen space in *Maadeva*, one of the box-office hits of 2025. However, *Rolex* marks the first time Vinod will be seen alongside Komal Kumar.

Directed by Srinivas Mandya, who previously helmed *Bill Gates*, the film features Komal Kumar in a distinctly different avatar from his earlier outings. Vinod Prabhakar is known for his powerful screen presence and action-oriented performances, and the actor's inclusion has further heightened expectations.

Blending comedy with family-oriented storytelling,



Vinod Prabhakar

A still from the film

Rolex has nearly completed production. The supporting cast includes Achyuth Kumar, Naveen Padil, and Arun Balraj. The film brings a strong technical team, with four songs composed by Jassie Gift and lyrics penned by Dr V Nagendra Prasad, Kaviraj, Rajesh Varma, and Kinnal Raj. Cinematography is by Rakesh C Tilak, editing by Aravind Raj, action choreography by Yoganand, and dance direction by Kailash-Murali.

Anya Taylor-Joy to star in *The Hunt for Gollum*

CE FEATURES

ANYA Taylor-Joy is the latest to join director-actor Andy Serkis' *The Lord of the Rings: The Hunt for Gollum*, the film's makers announced on Tuesday. Taylor-Joy is set to play Seren in the film, a Sindar Elf of the Woodland Realm, termed "a trusted and lethal agent of King Thranduil."

With Serkis reprising the titular role, *The Hunt for Gollum* also stars Ian McKellen, Kate Winslet, Lee Pace, Elijah Wood, Leo Woodall, and Jamie Dornan. The new film is set to explore the years-long search for Gollum that precedes the events of Peter Jackson's *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* (2001). Jackson is also producing the film, which is set for release on December 17, 2027.



NAMRATA JOSHI

IT'S a truth universally acknowledged that the worst casualties of wars aren't just the soldiers on the battlefronts but the women, children and families back home. However, pushed to the brink, they have often displayed strength, courage, resilience and resourcefulness in the face of such desolation and extreme adversity.

Yemeni-Scottish filmmaker Sara Ishaq brings one such admirable story to the screen in her fiction feature debut, *Al Mahattah (The Station)*. A co-production among seven countries—Yemen, Jordan, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Qatar—*The Station* premiered in the Semaine de la Critique (Cannes Critics Week) sidebar in Cannes.

Co-written by Ishaq and Na-

No Man's Land

dia Eliewat, the film was shot in Jordan with a Palestinian/Jordanian crew, with the biggest challenge being that of getting the Yemeni actors out for the shoot in the thick of the Israeli attack on their country.

While Ishaq says she explicitly didn't want to make an autobiographical film, *The Station* does draw from her own experience of the grisly reality witnessed in Sana'a in 2015. The film doesn't specify the place or time it is set in. All we know is that it's the highly volatile and severely fractured Yemen, hit by both the Civil War and the regional and geo-



CINEMA WITHOUT BORDERS

In this weekly column, the writer introduces you to powerful cinema from across the world

Film: *The Station*

political conflicts. With men out to fight the wars, it's for the women (and a few young boys) to run the show in the denuded towns and villages.

One such enterprising lady, Layal (Manal Al-Mulaiki), manages a women-only gasoline station during an acute fuel shortage. In her business, the rule is straight: "No men, no weapons, no politics." It hence becomes a refuge from the trauma, devastat-

women can afford to take off their hijab and feel free.

Other enterprises run by women also spring alongside—from a teashop to an old lady's street vending of smuggled cosmetics and other contraband goods—nail paint, perfumes, lingerie, sunglasses and hairpieces. All this even while cracking rather dark jokes about everyone being broke and in debt.

Things come to a head when Layal's younger brother Laith (Rashad Khaled) is sought to join the forces, leading her to channel her instinct, intelligence and ingenuity to thwart the attempt. She reaches out for the support of her estranged sister Shams (Abeer Mohammed), who carries the scars of losing her husband and their other brother to the war. Will they be successful this time in saving Laith?

The presence of war looms large in Layal's oasis of calm, not just because of such an unfortunate turn of events but also because it is evoked through the ominous sounds of planes (sound designer Abu Ghoush) juxtaposed against the images of banal everyday routines (cinematography Amine Berrada), the banter of the band of women and the telling shots of boy martyrs on the run-down walls.

Ishaq's exploration of the feminine energy acknowledges diversity and flaws. No two women are the same, and none of them is perfect. They are united in their struggle for survival, for which they can go to any length. They are also striving towards the same noble goal: Peace. Their sisterhood and solidarity are moving and inspiring, just as the ensemble

of many-splendored women (played by actors, both non-professional and trained and experienced, from Yemen, Egypt and Jordan) makes you instantly connect with them and feel for their predicaments. They truly own the film with their naturalness, candour, and spirit and spark.

No wonder the film is as much about their smiles as it is about the struggles. Even in the devastating times, they don't abandon their inherent joie de vivre and charming playfulness. The passion for life refuses to leave them as they find happiness in simple things and fleeting moments.

Ishaq crafts a humane document to counter one of the many ongoing humanitarian crises. *The Station* is a compelling sign of and response to our fractious times.